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## MR. HARRY HUNTER

### DEATH OF JU-JITSU CHAMPION

The death has occurred at Montreal, Canada, of Mr. Harry H. Hunter, a native of Ramsgate, who achieved fame as a ju-jitsu wrestler and held the European championship for three years.

Mr. Hunter, who was 57 years of age, took up the study of ju-jitsu while serving in the Navy and, on returning to civil life after 13 years' service, developed a keen interest in the Japanese method of self-defence among the young men of Ramsgate.

Although he lost the sight of one eye while serving with the Navy in the last war, Mr. Hunter again took up wrestling and staged many thrilling bouts against world-famous wrestlers at the County Rink and King's Theatre. His own fame spread and he left Ramsgate to tour the world teaching and studying ju-jitsu, of which form of wrestling he held the European championship for three years. Before leaving for Canada in 1929 he was for a time gymnastic instructor at Wellesley House School, Broadstairs.

In Canada he taught ju-jitsu to members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Toronto before going to Montreal, where he conducted a school and became instructor to the Montreal Police Deaprtment.

About 15 years ago Harry Hunter was the "top of the bill" at numerous Thanet sports events and fetes. His opponent on the mat was then Harry Hester, who had several times been in the European ju-jitsu final.

He leaves a son, who is serving with the Canadian Dental Corps, and two daughters.

## ALDERMAN RESIGNS

### RAMSGATE COUNCIL VACANCY

A vacancy has been caused on the aldermanic bench of Ramsgate Town Council by the resignation of Alderman Dan Barnett.

Like a number of other aldermen and members of the Council, Alderman Barnett left Ramsgate last summer and the explanation for his non-attendance was accepted by his colleagues. He has not been enjoying good health of late.

When Alderman Barnett joined the Council as a representative of the East Cliff Ward in 1928 he was carrying on a family tradition extending over 50 years, for both his father and his uncle had represented the same ward on the Council.

Elevated to the aldermanic bench in 1932, Alderman Barnett was re-elected for a further term of six years in 1938.

Alderman Barnett held the chairmanship of the Watch Committee from 1933 until the date of leaving the town and for some time he was vice-chairman of the Sands and Entertainments Committee.

JULY 5th

PANSY DAY
for
DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

## STRUCK HIS WIFE

### HUSBAND SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of a month's hard labour was passed by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday on Henry Frost, of Rose Bungalow, West Dumpton-lane, who pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife, Mrs. Violet Elizabeth Frost, on 21st June.

Mrs. Frost, who appeared in court with one eye heavily bandaged, said that some time before 21st June the sum of 7s. 6d. was missing from the house and she accused her husband of taking it, although he denied it. On the evening of 21st June she mislaid a pound note and before she had a chance to look for it her husband struck her in the face and knocked her out. She subsequently found the note. She had had to visit the hospital several times because of her eye. She had three children and they were screaming in the house at the time of the assault.

Frost said when his wife accused him of stealing the note he lost his temper and struck her.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): You should be thoroughly ashamed of yourself. You are not living a hundred years ago when men used to beat their wives. To strike a woman is most despicable. It is a most unmanly thing to do and you should be thoroughly ashamed of yourself.

Frost: I am.

"It is the sort of thing we are not going to tolerate," said the chairman, announcing the sentence.

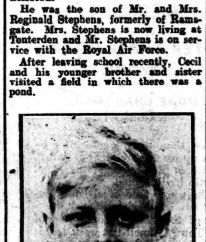
## DROWNED IN POND

### RAMSGATE BOY'S TRAGIC DEATH

A 12-year-old Ramsgate schoolboy, Cecil Stephens, a pupil at Hereson School, evacuated to Eccleshall, Staffordshire, was drowned while paddling in a pond at Highoffley, where he was billeted.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Stephens, formerly of Ramsgate. Mrs. Stephens is now living at Tenterden and Mr. Stephens is on service with the Royal Air Force.

After leaving school recently, Cecil and his younger brother and sister visited a field in which there was a pond.



Cecil decided that he would like to try his hand at fishing so his brother and sister offered to go and get him some bait. When they returned they found that while paddling in the pool he had fallen into a well 25ft. deep.

Artificial respiration was carried out almost until midnight but without success.

**Inquest Verdict.**

At the inquest, at which a verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned, it was stated that Mr. Samuel Williams, of Ellenhall Park, heard the boy's screams and though in very indifferent health, waded into the water up to his neck but failed to effect a rescue. Further efforts were made by means of a ladder but the boy's body was eventually brought to the bank with dragging irons.

It was suggested that the pool, a large one, should be fenced in but the Coroner said he thought even barbed wire would not keep boys out in hot weather. It was, however, decided to ask the owner of the pool to fix warning notices.

**The Funeral.**

At the funeral at Tenterden on Tuesday the floral tributes included a wreath from the boys of Hereson School in the school colours of yellow and black. A wreath was also sent by the teaching staff of the school.

The mourners were the father and mother, Mrs. Sherred (grandmother), Messrs. Reuben and Edgar Sherred (uncles), Mrs. Miles (aunt) and Mrs. Hall (great aunt).

### PRIEST WINS AT HAT-TRIMMING

The Rev. Ronald D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, who takes a leading part in all local war-time activities, recently won first prize in a hat-trimming competition held when Broadstairs Mothers' Thursday Club entertained St. Peter's Good Companions in the grounds of The Banks, Baird's-hill.

## YOUNG GIRL'S VISIT

### SERGEANT'S REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT

"We consider your conduct most reprehensible," said the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate police court on Monday, to Sergt. William Baird, aged 27, who pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting Ita Kathleen Rayner to enter a defence area for the purpose of pleasure on 21st May.

W/R Ludiman said that on 21st May he was on duty at Dumpton Park railway station when defendant met Miss Rayner as she alighted from a train. He told Miss Rayner she had no right to come into a defence area and defendant said "How is she to know it is a defence area?" Witness told him that at most railway stations there was a list of the defence areas and that he being a soldier should have known and should have advised her.

P/S Files said that at 7.45 p.m. on 22nd May he saw defendant and told him he understood that Miss Rayner was to have left Ramsgate on the 5.10 p.m. train. He asked him where she was and he replied that he last saw her at 8 p.m., and that so far as he knew she had returned to her place of employment. Witness again saw defendant at 4.45 p.m. the following day and told him that Miss Rayner had been seen in the town that morning and made a statement before she left. Baird then said that Miss Rayner missed her train and came back to see him afterwards. He did not know where to send her so she slept in a house on the cliff. He was on duty.

Witness said defendant did not deny that he had been told a week previously that Miss Rayner would not be allowed to enter Ramsgate as it was a defence area. Baird said Miss Rayner sent a telegram saying she was coming and he did not have time to write to her.

Defendant said he had no explanation to offer.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) emphasised that a week previously defendant had been warned that Ramsgate was a defence area. He was a married man in touch with this young girl and when she arrived at Ramsgate he took her to a house near the railway station, where they stayed. They appeared to be somewhat alarmed because they went to the police station and Miss Rayner was again warned that she must leave. Notwithstanding further warning on 22nd May, he found for her what might be termed "temporary cover" in a building used by the military. That was a military matter.

The chairman announced that defendant would be fined £2.

## NO SECRET COMMITTEES

### DEPUTY MAYOR'S MOTION

At the July meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. R. Young, will move a resolution which, if carried, will ensure that every committee of the Council shall report its proceedings to the parent body.

In the ordinary course of procedure the motion he is bringing forward would stand over for discussion at the following meeting but Councillor Young hopes to secure the suspension of the Standing Orders concerned so that it can be discussed and a decision reached straight away.

The addition Councillor Young wants to see included in Standing Orders reads:

(i) Every committee of this Council shall cause a report of its proceedings to be presented to the Council;

(ii) Such report shall be presented to the Council at the monthly meeting of the Council next after the date of the meeting of the committee concerned;

(iii) Provided that where a meeting of a committee takes place less than seven clear days before a monthly meeting of the Council such report may be presented at the monthly meeting next but one after the date on which the committee met.

## OUT 14 TIMES

### MARGATE LIFEBOAT'S PART IN BATTLE OF BRITAIN

In 85 days—from 8th August to 31st October—during which the Battle of Britain lasted, lifeboats were launched to the rescue 264 times, of which 131 launches were to aircraft brought down in the sea.

For the lifeboats, the busiest period was the first 29 days to 5th September, during which there were 76 launches to aircraft out of a total of 118.

Margate, with 14 launches, came second only to Selsey with 15 in the number of times it put to sea to aircraft during that period.

As a result of the lifeboat services during the Battle of Britain ten British and eight German airmen were rescued.

## ALMOST MISSED HIS WEDDING

### AIRMAN WHO "FLEW" TO MARGATE

Only when his leave was restored at the last minute was Mr. Horace Verdun Blakeney, son of Mr. T. E. Blakeney and the late Mrs. Blakeney, of St. Alban's, Waverley-road, able to reach Margate in time on Saturday for his wedding to Miss Phyllis Irene May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. May, of Nanaimo, Orchard-road.

The bride has been employed at Nottingham and the bridegroom is a flight mechanic in the R.A.F. They had both been granted leave but on Friday a telegram from the bridegroom announced that his leave had been postponed and the wedding could not take place until Monday.

Representations were made for the bridegroom to be released from his duties and the officers of the bomber on which he was working interceded on his behalf. At a late hour on Friday night his leave was restored and he reached Margate a few hours before the time of the wedding.

The ceremony was performed at St. John's Church by the Rev. A. Mapson, with Mr. H. E. Shallcress at the organ.

Given away by her father, the bride was attired in a gown of white moire poult taffeta, with veil and headdress of white violets. She was attended by three bridesmaids—Miss Kathleen Brinkler (friend), who wore a hyacinth blue taffeta dress, with floral headdress, and the little Misses Pauline May (sister) and Mavis May (cousin), who were dressed in white satin frocks, with daisy headdresses.

The bride carried a bouquet of dark red roses and trailing fern, and the bridesmaids vari-coloured sweet peas and fern.

Mr. Edward Randall was best man.

After the service a reception was held at the bride's home.

## UNOCCUPIED HOUSES

### KEEP THE POLICE BUSY

The trouble being caused to the police by people breaking into unoccupied shops and houses in the town was referred to at Ramsgate police court on Monday by the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler).

John Robert Browne, aged 17, errand boy, of Townley-street, and William Landi, aged 15, errand boy, also of Townley-street, were summoned for breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Helena Yare on 7th May and stealing two petrol lighters, a tobacco pouch, a cigarette-making machine and three neckties, together to the value of 14s. 6d.

At the request of the Chief Constable the magistrates consented to the charge being reduced to one of larceny, in order that the bench could deal with it.

Both boys pleaded guilty, and Browne was represented by Mr. B. C. Allfree.

D/C Oram said that after being cautioned Browne made a statement in which he said that three weeks ago he took Landi through their house and they climbed over a wall in Yare's yard. He saw that a window was broken, and undoing the latch they both went in. They went into the shop and several rooms in the house. He found a cigarette lighter, which he took, and he also had three ties. It was the second time he had visited the premises. He also took some rags and a woollen coat which he found in a wash-house. These they took to a rag and bone merchant who gave them 3s. 6d. for them, and they had 1s. 9d. each.

In reply to Mr. Allfree the officer said that apart from the rags and clothing the other property had been recovered.

D/C Oram said Landi also made a statement admitting entering the premises and said he took a petrol lighter, a tobacco pouch and a cigarette making machine.

**Employer's Good Report.**

Mr. Allfree said Browne now realised the seriousness of the offence, although he did not at the time. He had been employed for the past three years by a baker and confectioner who was very favourably impressed by the boy's general character and had asked him to come and speak on the boy's behalf. His employer said the boy worked well and had been employed by him since leaving school. He attended the parish school and also Christ Church Sunday school. His employer thought he would not have committed the offence had he not fallen among bad companions.

"I think it was rather the act of a naughty boy than of a criminal housebreaker," added Mr. Allfree. He had not previously been in trouble.

The Chief Constable said Landi was also a boy of good character. His parents were most respectable and he was a good lad.

"We have a large number of unoccupied shops and private houses in the town and we get quite a lot of trouble through people entering them," said the Chief Constable. "It is on that account that I felt it my duty to brings these boys before the court—not only as a warning to them but to others. I hope it will be the means of checking something which is becoming quite a nuisance."

On the boys promising not to repeat the offence the case was dismissed on payment of 7s. 6d. costs each.

A War Office casualty list reports the death from wounds of Pte. W. Hall, of The Buffs.

## 65 YEARS MARRIED

### RAMSGATE COUPLE GO FOR CAR RIDE

Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, of Hillcroft, Goodwin-road, Ramsgate, on Saturday enjoyed a distinction which few married couples live to experience.

They celebrated the 65th anniversary of their wedding day.

Mr. Bates is a grand old man of 93, and he still thinks there is no place to equal Ramsgate. Although slightly deaf, he retains full possession of his faculties and loves to chat with friends and realtives who visit him.

Devoted to her husband's welfare, Mrs. Bates can give many a lesson to the modern young woman. She does all the housework and cooking herself and takes a lively interest in the affairs of the world.

On the eve of their 65th wedding anniversary they went for a car ride round Minster and Monkton.

Mr. Bates will be best remembered by an older generation of Ramsgate people. He was for many years in business in the town as a baker and confectioner, the business being subsequently taken over by the late Alderman William Coleman, Mr. Bates retired just before the last war.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates were the parents of the late Mrs. S. R. Port, wife of Mr. S. R. Port, head of the well-known Ramsgate firm of builders' merchants.

Mr. Bates also had another daughter, the late Mrs. F. E. J. Darby, by a previous marriage.

About a year ago Mr. and Mrs. Bates left Ramsgate but, like so many other old folk, decided that home was best, and returned to the town.

## IN LAW—

### IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE

Under the heading "Bench and Police," the "Police Review" last week published the following:

"An interesting example of the way in which the administration of justice is regarded by some members of the bench recently occurred at Ramsgate during the hearing of a case in which the defendant was charged by the police with being in a defence area without a proper permit. The chairman of the bench expressed the opinion that an onus lay on those in official positions, e.g., clerks at railway stations, to inform intending visitors to a place like Ramsgate that it was in a defence area, and said to the Chief Constable, who was conducting the case, 'I think, personally, they should tell people they are not allowed to go into these areas. I should like to tell you that one of your officers tried to stop my own daughter from coming back here.'

"The Chief Constable very properly retorted that what might have happened to the magistrate's daughter had nothing to do with the case that was being tried, and appealed to the bench to support him in enforcing the Defence Regulations.

"It is, of course, the fact, as the Chief Constable stated, that notices are prominently displayed at railway stations warning passengers about visiting defence areas, and that a great deal of publicity has been given to the subject in the press. Besides, ignorantia legis non excusat, although the prosecutor in this case protested that he had never taken proceedings against anyone unless there had been open defiance of the regulations."

## NOT THE SENTRY'S JOB

### YOUTH'S PLEASURE VISIT

A seventeen year old clerk, Archibald Edward Furlonger, of Bowes-road, Walton-on-Thames, was fined 10s. on each of two summonses at Ramsgate police court, on Monday, for entering a Defence Area for the purposes of pleasure on 7th June and for driving a motor cycle in the area without a permit.

Defendant wrote stating that he was unaware of the regulations and had he known of them would have applied for a permit. He showed his identity card to the military authorities and was allowed to come through.

P/C Sinclair, who saw defendant at the police station, said Furlonger told him he came to Ramsgate to visit an aunt of a friend of his.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said there seemed to be some confusion in the minds of some people as to the duties of the sentries at the military barriers. The military checked the identity cards of people coming into the area but they did not undertake the duties of the police. The onus was on people to satisfy themselves that they were within their rights in entering such an area. The military did not carry out civil functions.

## BLACK-OUT TIMES

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| Wednesday | ... 11.6 p.m.—5.2 a.m. |
| Thursday | ... 11.5 p.m.—5.3 a.m. |
| Friday | ... 11.5 p.m.—5.4 a.m. |
| Saturday | ... 11.5 p.m.—5.5 a.m. |
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| Monday | ... 11.4 p.m.—5.7 a.m. |

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## VERGER'S COLLAPSE

### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. G. E. PERRY

Within a few days of the first anniversary of his wife's death, Mr. George Edward Perry, verger of St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, died suddenly at his home, 73 St. Luke's-avenue, on Wednesday evening, aged 76 years.

A devoted couple, Mr. and Mrs. Perry celebrated their golden wedding five years ago. They were married at St. Luke's Church in June, 1886, and all their seven children were christened there

Miss Armorel Bebe Perry, a grand-daughter, had been keeping house for Mr. Perry and one of his sons, Mr. Reginald Victor Perry, was also living at home.

Mr. Perry appeared in normal health on Wednesday evening and after visiting St. Luke's schools, of which he was caretaker, he returned home at about 10.30 p.m. He had his supper and was sitting listening to the wireless when his grand-daughter bade him good-night before going up to bed.

Mr. Reginald Perry, who had retired to bed earlier, rose at 4.45 on Thursday morning to go to work and noticed that his father's bed had not been slept in. Going downstairs, he found him lying dead on the floor in front of the fireplace.

As death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

**Long Association With Parish.**

The Perry family had been associated with St. Luke's since the church was built 64 years ago, for Mr. Perry's father came to Ramsgate as coachman to the late Rev. J. B. Whiting, the first Vicar.

An official of the church writes:

"Mr. Perry was at church the Sunday before his death and looked quite his old self. None of us thought but that he would be with us for a long time.

"As he has been verger for about 50 years his passing will leave a great gap in St. Luke's Church life. He was also caretaker of St. Luke's Schools. In fact, Mr. Perry was St. Luke's, and it was a natural thing to expect to see him, whether in the church, hall or schools. No one ever saw him ruffled and he always had a cheery word for everyone.

"A story is told by one who saw him during a bad air raid. He was assisting people into the church crypt but did not seem to think he was in danger himself. He was thinking only of other people.

"Mr. Perry had one rather trying experience during an air raid, which brought down two houses next to the church. He was in the vestry at the time and two large pieces of stone penetrated the roof and dropped within a yard of where he was standing. Although unhurt, he was badly shaken, but recovered his old self in a few days."

**The Funeral.**

The funeral took place in the St. Lawrence portion of Ramsgate Cemetery on Saturday, Mr. Perry being laid to rest in the same grave as his wife.

The family mourners were Mr. R. V. Perry (son), Mr. Albert Perry and Mr. Frank Perry (brothers) and Mr. Harvey (grandson).

There were also present officers and members of the congregation of St. Luke's and representatives of St. Luke's Athletic Club and St. Luke's Benefit Club, of which Mr. Perry was chairman.

At a service in the cemetery chapel the opening prayers were read by the Rev. A. Griffiths, acting curate of St. Luke's. The 23rd Psalm was read by the Rev. N. S. Larke, newly-inducted Vicar of St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury, and former Vicar of St. Luke's, who also read the committal passages at the graveside.

Floral tributes were received from Will, Mabel and family; Jenny and Herbert; Winnie and Albert; Reg, Daisy and Betty; Uncle Albert; Uncle Frank, Alice and Molly; Flo, Fred and Winnie; Annie, Ada and Edie; St. Luke's Church Benefit Club; St. Luke's congregation; John and family (Ilford); Mr. Jones (Plymouth).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Walter J. Austen, of 71 Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

Last year 771 flag days held in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution raised £[illegible], an increase of £[illegible] on the previous highest collection.

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## COOMBES—ATTWELL

### RAMSGATE FAMILIES UNITED

Two Ramsgate families were united by the wedding which took place at St. Peter's Church, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, recently, of L/Bdr. William Daniel Coombes, R.A., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coombes, of Ryhall, Vale-square, Ramsgate, to Miss Dorothy Emily Attwell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Attwell, late of Arcadia, Park-road, Ramsgate. The Rev. Thompson officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, A/C E. H. Attwell, owing to the illness of her father, was dressed in white satin and broché, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

She was attended by Miss Stella Coombes, sister of the bridegroom, who was dressed in blue silk and also carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

L/Bdr. Mercer, R.A., acted as best man.

A reception was afterwards held at 59 Wilman-road, Tunbridge Wells, home of the bride's parents.

## CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY

### NO HOLIDAYS AT HOME

At a meeting of Margate Education Committee on Friday it was stated that schoolchildren who have been evacuated to Staffordshire will not be allowed to return home to spend their summer holidays with their parents in August.

The chairman, Alderman W. C. Redman, after reporting on the registration of the remaining children which took place last week, explained that if children evacuated from the district came home they would be sent away again but might not be able to return to the reception area from which they had come. It was the duty of the committee to parents whose children were away to see that the children stayed put.

The new regulations meant that parents who had disobeyed the Government by keeping their children in the district still had them at home, while those who obeyed and sent them away would not be able to have them home even at holiday times. The new regulations would help to keep children out of the area.

## OFFICER'S GALLANTRY

It is announced that Flt.-Lieut. S. G. Stock has been awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry.

Flt.-Lieut. Stock, who before joining the R.A.F. four years ago was attached to the borough treasurer's department at Godalming, married the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Seath, of The Haven, Cross-road, Birchington.

## MARGATE COUNCILLOR RESIGNS

At a meeting of Margate Education Committee on Friday it was reported that Major W. F. Bacon had resigned his membership of the Council and had therefore ceased to be a member of the committee.

The chairman (Alderman W. C. Redman) said Major Bacon had been a valued member of the committee for about nine years and they were sorry to lose his services.

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## FROM THE RANKS

### SELECTING W.A.A.F. OFFICERS

Although the W.A.A.F. is still expanding and the demand for W.A.A.F. officers becomes even more insistent, all candidates for commissions are still required to do a spell, however short, in the ranks. This policy has proved highly successful because in this way every W.A.A.F. officer gets first-hand experience of the service life and conditions of her airwomen.

Yet, despite this, there is no intention that women who are of the right type for commissioned rank should serve too long as airwomen. From the day they arrive at the recruiting depot new recruits are watched and potential officers quickly spotted. The avenues for employment of W.A.A.F. officers have lately branched out in many directions, and in many jobs R.A.F. officers are being substituted by those of the W.A.A.F. These include work on such diverse jobs as accounts, equipment, administration, catering, interpretation of photographs and intelligence duties.

Since the W.A.A.F. became an integral part of the Armed Forces of the Crown, W.A.A.F. officers receive the King's Commission in the same way as R.A.F. officers. They must now serve for the duration of the war. But this does not mean that genuine and urgent domestic reasons will not allow them to leave the Service. Marriage alone is not sufficient. But urgent calls as wife or mother, or sick parents are always regarded sympathetically.

With these safeguards, as well as good pay (for officers it ranges from about 8s. to 22s. a day), outfit grant, free quarters, rations and medical attention, no woman of education or experience need hold back from joining the W.A.A.F. and doing her spell as an airwoman. If they are of the right type they are earmarked for commissioned rank almost as soon as they enter, and can count on becoming officers within three months.

### REV. N. S. LARKE'S NEW LIVING

The Rev. Norman Samuel Larke, a former Vicar of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, has been instituted Vicar of St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury, by the Archbishop, who regretted that the usual tolling of the bell was not possible.

The induction was performed by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Canon T. K. Sopwith.

In welcoming the new vicar and his wife, the Primate declared that Mr. Larke had already proved his value at Ramsgate and Margate.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

# IN THE CUPBOARD

By Violet M. Methley

The millionaire was Jane's employer—and she had fallen in love with him at first sight. It was an authentic case of Cophetua and the beggar-girl, with modern complications.

The first interview of employer and employee took place on the sunny terrace of Chancery Court. John Osbaldistone Diggs lay, very flat, on a big couch. His pale face and widely-opened eyes were turned towards Jane, who fought back an almost overwhelming impulse to kiss him.

"Are you the new governess?" asked John Osbaldistone Diggs slowly. "Because, if you are, I won't hate you frightfully much."

"Thank you," she said, and they shook hands solemnly.

"I can't sit up," he told her gravely. "I'm flat."

The millionaire of five years old was as small as his fortune was large; his brown hair was close-cropped; his drill suit scarcely whiter than his face. That whiteness seemed accentuated by a cluster of vividly-coloured air-balloons, crimson, jade, lemon and blue, which swayed overhead, tugging at their strings.

"Aren't they beautiful?" the little boy feebly patted a turquoise-blue sphere.

"Master John has great games with his balloons," the small woman in nurse's dress, who sat by the couch, spoke softly. "They're light, and they can't hurt him, and when they burst, we get fresh ones, don't we, Master John?"

"I love them. They all have names." the child said eagerly and struck sideways with his palm at a balloon, laughing. But the effort brought on a terrible fit of coughing.

Jane left the nurse to tend him; presently the other woman joined her.

"He's better now, for the moment," she said.

"What is it?" the girl asked.

"Asthma—and heart. At least that's what the doctor says——"

There was something so strange in the little woman's tone that Jane spoke questioningly.

"You don't agree?"

"No. At least . . ." she moved nearer to Jane. "It is dangerous to talk, but . . . I like your face," she said, under her breath. "I'm counting on you—to watch."

"To watch? Who?" Jane felt bewildered.

"S-sh! I daren't say more . . . but, oh, I'm so glad you've come! It's awful to see the child getting worse—and do nothing!"

"Isn't the doctor treating him properly?"

"He doesn't know; he can't. The weakness in the back is improving. It's not that . . . but I haven't dared to tell him. Only . . . Watch Mr. Colthurst!"

"Who—" Jane began, but the nurse interrupted.

"He's Master John's cousin—he'd succeed to the money if—if—. The boy is always worse after he's been here. Try never to leave them alone."

"Parkie . . ." a small voice called, and the nurse hurried away, leaving Jane to digest this amazing introduction to her new pupil-employer and to wonder what the unknown Colthurst was like.

**Cousin Charles.**

It was a week before she knew. She was playing an engrossing game with John and his balloons, when the little boy broke into a joyful cry.

"Oh—Cousin Charles!"

A slight fair man had come into the room, a man with tired blue eyes, and a worried frown. Jane felt ridiculously disappointed; she had pictured a sinister magnetic personality.

"This is Jane Jones," John introduced his governess. "She's the best I've had."

"That's good!" Mr. Colthurst's sudden smile was charming. "And how are the balloons?"

"Very troublesome; I've broken heaps lately. Parkie says they're a constant es-espense."

"Well, we may be able to afford them old man—with strict economy. I'll look after John for a bit, if you've anything else to do, Miss Jones."

"Thanks. I'd just as soon stay here," Jane spoke hurriedly.

"Good!" His manner was unruffled. "What shall we do, John?"

"I'm thirsty!" John announced. "I want a cocktail."

Mr. Colthurst laughed.

"It sounds depraved, but it's only a special lemon-squash I mix for him," he said.

He went to a side-table, Jane watching him rigidly. He squeezed lemons, sifted sugar: extracted from his pocket a small packet.

"Ground ginger—" he spoke to Jane. "That's the secret, Miss Jones, Now for the soda . . ."

The rigidity which held Jane motionless suddenly relaxed. She realised that John must not drink the mixture, and sprang to her feet. Her elbow struck the tumbler, clumsily, and sent its contents broadcast. John wailed aloud, but Colthurst interposed.

"Never mind, old chap, accidents will happen. I'll mix you another cocktail, only I'm afraid we must do without the ginger. Don't worry, Miss Jones."

Jane did not. On the contrary, she was full of triumph, when she told the story to Nurse Parker later.

"You see——" the little woman stammered. "Oh, do you wonder that I'm afraid?"

"Well, we can't be sure the stuff would have hurt John." Jane spoke judicially.

"No we can't be sure," Parker said grimly. "But John is always ill after he's been alone with his cousin. Oh, it's terrible—the strain! But it's such a comfort that you're here now."

"Ye'es," Jane said rather doubtfully.

No attack followed Colthurst's visit and it was more than a week before he came again. This time, Jane was going out for the afternoon when she met him on the terrace.

"How has John been?" he asked.

"Wonderfully well—since you were here," Jane answered.

"I'm awfully glad, poor little chap. It's rotten for him."

"The doctor says there's no reason why he should not recover—so far as he can see. But I am not sure he knows all that's the matter with John," Jane spoke meaningly, but Colthurst only frowned more painfully than usual.

"Indeed? You think there's something else? We must talk it over sometime, Miss Jones—I won't keep you now."

"It's my afternoon off, but Nurse Parker is on duty."

"I'm sorry that you're going out, I mean. I shall see you another day, I hope," he smiled wearily, charmingly.

Jane returned late—and felt, as she entered the house, that something had happened. There was a light in John's room, movements and voices; then Nurse Parker came out and clutched at the girl's arm.

"Oh, I'm so glad you're back," she whispered. "I—I was afraid to be alone with him—and he's staying the night. Too anxious to leave! It's happened again—worse than ever. He was alone with John for a few minutes, and did something . . . It's been a terrible attack. Again and again I thought he'd gone; I believe another like that would kill him."

Jane found John propped against pillows, still gasping piteously, with a bluish shade round nose and lips. He tried to smile when he saw the girl.

"I've—not been—ve'y well—" he panted, "but I'm—all right now—Poor Billy broke—he was such a—lovely balloon—"

"Never mind, darling," Jane said softly. "I'll get a new one to-morrow, blue like Billy."

"That's nice . . ." John whispered, and turned to snuggle into the pillow, although his breathing was still difficult.

Presently it grew easier and Jane glanced up at Nurse Parker.

"Go to bed, won't you?" she whispered. "I can see you've had an awful time, and I'll stay with him for the night. I can call you, if necessary."

After a moment, the little woman agreed to lie down, after giving Jane explicit directions as to what to do in the event of another attack.

An hour passed before John woke with a choking cry, fighting for breath. Jane dare not leave him, to fetch Nurse Parker, but she did what she had been told, and, very slowly, the paroxysm passed and he fell asleep.

It was only then that Jane realised what she had been through. She felt chilled, depressed, and it was at this moment that Jane heard stealthy steps along the corridor, saw the door pushed gently open.

**Accused.**

Charles Colthurst stood there in the shadow. Jane had almost forgotten that he was in the house, and at sight of him her overstrained nerves gave way.

Horror, fear and those same nerves drove her into action. Her one impulse was to prevent the man from touching the sleeping child, and she rose and moved quickly to the door.

"How is the boy?" Colthurst whispered.

"Better—you will be sorry to hear!" The words came involuntarily.

"What do you mean by that?" His tones had changed, hardened.

Jane did not answer, and, after a glance at her white face, Colthurst spoke again, more gently.

"I don't believe you know what you're saying; you're dead for want of sleep. Go and lie down, whilst I sit with John."

"No. I won't leave you with him again."

"What are you implying? But we can't talk here. Come down to the library."

"I won't leave John."

"Into the bathroom then——," he indicated the door. "You can hear there if he wants you."

Mechanically Jane followed the man. He switched on the light, stood aside to let her pass, then closed the door and locked it.

"I don't want any interference until we've finished our talk," he said grimly.

Suddenly Jane realised that she was trapped. She saw Colthurst's face, with all gentleness gone. And the same hardness was in his voice.

"You shall not leave this room until you have told me what you meant. I gather you accuse me of attempting to murder my little cousin."

"Yes, I do!" Jane was bold with despair.

"How?"

"I don't know exactly—I believe you tried the other day in the lemonade. You were alone with him yesterday evening—and—he nearly died."

"The doctor has never suggested anything abnormal."

"I will see to it that he hears my suggestions then!"

"Oh, you're threatening me?" Colthurst laughed softly. "Don't you realise that at this moment, you're entirely in my power?"

"You would not dare to murder me in cold blood!"

"No. In cold water——," he made a gesture towards the bath. "It would be very simple to drown you in that, and it would certainly be brought in accidental death."

Again he laughed, and Jane spoke desperately.

"You'd be suspected. Nurse Parker will speak."

"Oh, it was she who suggested this idea to you, was it?"

"She's been here longer than I: she's seen more."

"I see. Look here, let's strike a bargain. I'll not touch you if you promise not to speak to Nurse Parker or anybody else for 24 hours. You can watch the boy and I promise not to come near him. Do you agree?"

"What if I won't promise?"

"Well, in that case, I make no promise either."

**The Promise.**

There was a sinister ring in words and tone. Jane thought quickly. After a pause she spoke:

"Very well. I promise."

"You're wise: wiser than you are aware. I won't keep you any longer."

Jane returned to the boy's bedside. He was sleeping peacefully, and presently Nurse Parker appeared, her quiet, competent self again, sending Jane to bed at once.

Yet weary as she was, the girl could not sleep. Presently she rose and dressed, meaning to sit in the garden, and on her way down the corridor she met Charles Colthurst face to face.

"I have been waiting to speak to you," he said quietly.

"What do you want?" Jane spoke defiantly.

"Your help."

"Mine?"

"Yes. Do you want to save John's life?"

The utter strangeness of the words took Jane's breath away.

"You should know that," she said.

"Then come with me."

Jane followed him until he stopped at the door of Nurse Parker's room: then she spoke:

"She isn't here."

"I know. That is why I am. And I want you—as a witness."

He shook the handle of the door, then shrugged his shoulders. "Locked! That's easily settled."

From his pocket, Colthurst produced a small instrument and inserted it in the lock: after a few minutes, the door opened. He was about to go into the room when Jane caught at his arm.

"Stop! You've no right——" she gasped. "I shall call Nurse Parker."

"Remember your promise. And I can scarcely do much harm with you watching."

He was moving about as he spoke, whilst Jane stood by the door. He pulled open drawers, looked into the wardrobe, then crossed to a cupboard in the wall.

"Locked again!" he said under his breath. "This will be the place then."

Once more followed manipulations with the little instrument; once more Jane protested.

"This is disgraceful!"

"So am I—surely you didn't need further proof of that," he answered coolly. "There!"

**The Balloons.**

The door was open, showing the space below a wide shelf filled with boots and boxes, and on the shelf itself, bottles, a measuring glass, something which looked like a small cylinder of oxygen.

"Just as I thought!" Colthurst said. Taking up a small object, he examined it closely, then held it out to Jane.

It lay in the girl's palm, limp, blue, faintly clammy.

"A burst air-balloon—" Jane spoke perplexedly.

"Or one waiting to be filled from that cylinder."

"I can't understand."

"I'm just beginning to. I got on the track last night when John's balloon exploded. I happened to be there, and he had the attack immediately. Nurse Parker was attending to the child, and I picked up the remains of the balloon and noticed the smell."

"What do you mean?"

"I know enough of chemistry to recognise the smell. It was that of a particularly deadly gas, quick in action and quicker still to disappear, leaving no traces. Heavy, too, so it sinks downwards. And, even close by, those at a higher level would not notice it. Are you beginning to understand?"

"You mean—" Jane began. "You mean that—this gas was in John's balloons—"

"In those which Nurse Parker had inflated from this cylinder. That's what I mean—and an analyst can easily verify the idea. It's pretty devilish."

"But—why?"

"My uncle, John's father, left a will; by it, Nurse Parker would receive £1,000 if she was with John at his death. He's always been delicate; it's only lately there has been hope of his back getting better, and my uncle wanted to ensure the nurse staying with him—to the end."

"Oh—it's too horrible! It can't be true."

"It is true—but you must prove it for yourself. Tell Nurse Parker that you are taking away the rose-coloured balloon she bought for John this morning, say it's not safe for him to play with. And—watch her."

"I will," Jane said, and went straight to John's room. Nurse Parker looked up as Jane came to the bed and took the red balloon. "I don't think this is safe," she said quietly. "It might make John ill—if it broke."

Across the bed the two women stared at each other, and in Nurse Parker's face Jane saw all the proof she needed. She said not a word as Jane detached the balloon and went to Colthurst.

"You are sure now?" he said.

"Yes——" Jane whispered. "But—it's awful."

A sound made both turn. Nurse Parker had come out of John's room. Her face was a mask of horror; from her lips words came slowly.

"It's true—but he made me do it—my husband. He gave me the gas—he said he'd leave me—if I didn't. He wanted the money—" Suddenly a change came over the woman's face and she gasped, spoke desperately.

"Oh—what have I said? It wasn't him. I did it all myself! It's I—I who must be punished!"

Colthurst spoke slowly.

"Pehaps I'm wrong, but I don't intend to have you arrested. What you tried to do was devilish, but I can see that a devil forced you to it. But you'd better go at once, before I change my mind."

Whimpering faintly, Nurse Parker crept away.

Colthurst stood looking after her.

"I've suspected something for a long time," he said. "I couldn't find the clue. Forgive my behaviour this morning, Miss Jones, I couldn't help it."

"It's you who must forgive me for what I thought," Jane said. "Will you?"

"If you will stay and look after John."

"Of course I will! With you?"

"With me, unless you hate me too much."

"Oh, but I don't!" Jane assured him earnestly. "I—I think I only hated you because really I liked you so much—. No I don't mean that!"

"I rather hoped you did," said Colthurst.

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

### PROMOTED TOGETHER

Two popular members of Margate Borough Police Force have been promoted.

D/C J. Galer has been appointed temporary uniformed sergeant, and P/C F. Beer has been appointed temporary sergeant in charge of transport. P/C Beer has for some time been in charge of the police cars.

Both officers are 35 years of age and both joined the force on the same day—4th January, 1927.

A native of Faversham, Sergt. Beer was a motor driver-mechanic before joining the force. He has been twice commended—once for his efforts to resuscitate two girls who were drowned off Marine-terrace in 1936, and for his smartness in arresting an airman with a stolen motor cycle.

Sergt. Galer served in the Grenadier Guards before entering the force. He has five commendations, two of which were in connection with his work on the C.I.D. staff.

P/S Bernard Scutt has been appointed special emergency officer to deal with matters arising out of war emergencies.

### FARMERS' POSTAL AUCTION

Eleven hundred gifts presented to the Red Cross Agriculture Fund Committee for a national postal auction among farmers included 100 yards of ballast given by Messrs. Robert Brett and Sons, of Canterbury.

## THE BRIGHTEST SPOT

### TRIBUTE TO RAMSGATE RAILWAY FIRST-AIDERS

Tribute to the work which the railwaymen, and particularly the "First Aiders," are carrying on under the difficult war conditions was paid at the annual meeting of the Ramsgate Class of the Southern Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Association, held at Ramsgate headquarters on Tuesday.

The awards for 1941, presented by the president of the Division, Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn, bore out the testimony of Mr. C. Hodson, of Gillingham, District Secretary, that Ramsgate is the brightest spot in his district.

Long-service men who received awards for having passed the annual examination once again were Messrs. T. Futter, 40 years, Mr. G Ward, 38 years, and Mr. R. Bailey, 35 years.

A special tribute was paid to Mr. A. White, a lively member of the railway ambulance movement, who was presented with the company's gold medal for 21 years' service.

Mr. W. H. Sinden, Corps Superintendent, presided, and regret was expressed at the absence of the energetic class secretary, Mr. G. Pointer, who is ill in hospital.

Dr. A. N. Gordon, class lecturer, brought news that Pointer was making good progress.

Mr. Pointer was re-elected secretary and Messrs. C. Buckley, J. Glover, R. Webzell and S. Redwood were re-appointed as the committee.

The report of the secretary stated that during the year they had gained two new members and one transfer. At the annual examination held in January 34 members entered and all were successful. Nine members were serving with H.M. Forces. During the winter the ladies had carried out good work by knitting for the comforts fund.

**Work Under Strain.**

Conveying the congratulations of the directors and general manager of the company for the service the men had performed since the outbreak of war Mr. E. Uzzell, Welfare Officer to the Southern Railway, said a severe strain had been placed on railwaymen in the South East corner of the country. The directors appreciated the way in which they were doing their job and maintaining the company's services.

It was not anything to be proud of, said Mr. Uzzell, but Ramsgate led the way in the matter of air raids. They were proud of the railway A.R.P. service and he had helped in the training of 40,000 men. That training had been fully justified and the men had carried out some jolly good work. The A.R.P. organisation began with railway First Aiders and the instructors were all qualified first aid men.

The First Aid movement, however, was not just a war time affair, for at all times a knowledge of first aid might prove extremely useful. The fact that the men were able to maintain their high standard of efficiency was in a great degree due to the tolerance and sacrifice of their wives and he was sure the men would be equally tolerant if, as they hoped, a class for ladies was started.

Mr. Hodson said he appreciated the efforts which had been made to continue the ambulance movement in Ramsgate. The majority of the work fell on the individual members of the classes and it was carried on with no little difficulty in view of the excessive hours some of them were now called on to work.

**Value of Learning.**

Dr. Gordon said it had always given him a great deal of pleasure to be associated with the railway ambulancemen and he urged that if possible they should be given extra recognition by the company. They spent a lot of time making themselves competent and their knowledge of first aid was good. Since the war there had been an ever increasing demand for such knowledge and although it was said that a little knowledge was a dangerous thing a little learning was most valuable.

Tribute to the work of the Ramsgate First Aiders was also paid by Mr. G. Cheal, Assistant to the Divisional Superintendent of the S.R.

The awards were presented as follows:

Vouchers (2nd year)—J. Parker, D. Anderson, W. Sutton.

Medallions (3rd year)—D. Gray, E. Norman, S. Redwood.

Labels (4th year and over)—E. Ashman, C. Buckley, T. Futter, J. Gammon, G. Hopper, T. Liles, P. Privett, F. Sharpe, C. Turpin, G. Ward, R. Bailey, V. Denton, A. Fearn, G. Gibbs, C. Silk, A. O'Rourke, G. Scott, W. Sinden, R. Webzell, P. Buckingham, R. Carrett, J. Gover, F. Horton, E. Lambert, G. Pointer, H. Smith, J. Sutton, A. White.

Seven years medal—E. Ashman, P. Buckingham.

Fourteen year medal—G. Gibbs.

Twenty-one years medal—A. White.

## GERMAN PILOT

### LANDED AT RAMSGATE

**Five hours after a Messerschmitt had been shot down into the sea by British fighters on 21st June the pilot was spotted by a Hurricane on patrol.**

**The German pilot was picked up by an R.A.F. crash boat and landed at Ramsgate.**

### COMEDY AND DRAMA

#### BLENDED AT ODEON

Drama is blended with comedy in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

For the first four days Margaret Lockwood heads the cast of "The Girl in the News," a drama of an attractive young nurse whose employer, an elderly lady, dies in mysterious circumstances. These circumstances are duplicated in her next position as part of a subtle and callous murder plot. The girl is brought to trial and is only saved by the brilliant work of the young lawyer who is in love with her. By a dramatic twist the real murderer is discovered in a gripping climax. Barry K. Barnes and Emlyn Williams have the chief supporting roles.

The Aldrich family come to the screen again in "Life With Henry," with Jackie Cooper, which is also being screened.

Joan Bennett is more alluring than ever in "The Man I Married," which will head the bill for the second half of the week. A beautiful girl's amazing experiences, with a husband she found out too late, are dramatically revealed. After they leave with their child for a vacation in the husband's native land, he falls under the influence of the "other" woman, portrayed by Anna Sten. Played by a brilliant cast including Otto Kruger, Francis Lederer, and Maria Ouspenskaya, "The Man I Married" develops a thrilling climax.

Combining drama with hilarious comedy, "Girl from Avenue A," which will also be screened, is Jane Withers' most pretentious picture.


WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

## The stuff to give 'em

*Harry:* What wouldn't I give to let the Jerries have a bit of what we've had here!

*Bob:* Give? You don't have to *give*!

*Harry:* Meaning what?

*Bob:* Just this. You are asked to *lend* every shilling you can in War Savings and to lay off spending on things you can do without: then you are really helping to hit back.

*Harry:* How's that?

*Bob:* You are freeing men and machines for war jobs instead of keeping them busy on unnecessary work.

*Harry:* H'm. It never struck me like that.

*Bob:* And the less you spend, the more you'll lend. You'll feel good when you see a nice bit of money standing to your credit.

*Harry:* Now you're talking—hit back and help yourself at the same time. That's the stuff to give 'em!

### Don't Spend—DO Lend

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## A.R.P. OFFICER RESIGNS

### AFTER THREE WEEKS' WORK

#### MORE CHANGES AT RAMSGATE

**Less than three weeks after he took up his appointment as A.R.P. Officer at Ramsgate, Major H. J. Martin has resigned.**

**The whole field of air raid precautions was reviewed at a meeting of the A.R.P. Committee of the Town Council last week and it is understood that the committee will recommend that Sergt. D. Brown, who has been closely associated with the work in the past, shall be seconded from his police duties to carry out the duties of A.R.P. Officer.**

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) has, without payment, carried out the duties of A.R.P. Officer since March, 1936, but with the increasing duties both in respect of police and A.R.P., the committee decided that the time had arrived for the appointment of a paid A.R.P. Officer in order to relieve the pressure of work and responsibility on the Chief Constable.

Several months ago advertisements were published inviting applications for the post at a salary of £400 a year.

The A.R.P. Committee interviewed a number of applicants but decided none of them were suitable.

Once again the post was advertised and of five applicants who were interviewed Major Martin was appointed.

Major Martin was welcomed by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) when he was present for the first time at the June meeting of the Town Council.

Major Martin was formerly A.R.P. Officer at Farnham and in addition to his salary it was decided to make him a car allowance of £50 a year.

### TEMPLARS' SILVER WEDDING

At the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, members of the Sunbeam Lodge, I.O.G.T., celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of two of their members, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Evison.

Mr. T. Wright, Lodge Deputy, on behalf of the members, presented Mr. Evison with a silver cake stand in recognition of services to the Lodge.

Musical items were rendered by Mrs. R. Watts and thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to an enjoyable evening.

### AIRMAN'S WESTGATE BRIDE

Miss Joyce Phyllis Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woods, of Norman-road, Westgate, was married to Corpl. Robert Stanley Whittle, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whittle, of Lackford, Suffolk, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, last week.

The Vicar, the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp, officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Joan Woods, and Mr. G. Ayling, R.A.F., was best man.

## THAT NEW ME.

### BRITAIN'S ANSWER

Since the Spitfires and Hurricanes of the R.A.F. began shooting down specimens of the new mark of Messerschmitt single-seater fighter, the Me. 109F, there has been a good deal of speculation about the purpose for which it is designed, and the real capabilities of the type.

The full extent of the changes discovered in those brought down remains the secret of the R.A.F. It is sometimes an advantage not to inform the enemy just how much is known about his new weapon. But certain details may be revealed.

Four of the obvious differences between this new Me. and its predecessors are the more powerful engine, changed armament, re-designed wings with rounded wing tips, and new tail plane now devoid of bracing struts. There are other changes too, such as making the tail wheel retractable and giving a general cleaning up to the silhouette, which clearly aim at greater speed. It is obvious that these various improvements, both in the engine and the airframe, will result in a higher ceiling and better performance at height.

In considering the purpose of these developments it is useful to set them against the background of modern aircraft manufacturing tendencies. This war differs from previous wars in being so much more a battle of rival industrial capacities. The full utilisation of machine tools, skilled and unskilled labour, and of intensive production methods aimed at rapid and overwhelming output have a new, perhaps decisive significance. Above all the tempo of production must not fall. To turn over plants to the production of a completely new type of aircraft is a serious matter, and must inevitably result in a temporary drop in output. Furthermore it takes time—longer today under mass production methods, than in the individual production days of the last war. To fill in the gap whilst basically new types of aircraft, dictated by the general advances in aeronautical knowledge, are being laid down there is a tendency to effect less drastic alterations to existing types so as to keep them abreast of new requirements.

Britain's own single-seat fighters, the Hawker Hurricane and the Vickers Spitfire have undergone several modifications since the war began. The results have been a great improvement in their performance, in speed, height and in other ways. Re-engining the Me. 109 and giving it new wings and a better streamline, may be regarded as Germany's contribution to the contest of improving existing types.

An interesting feature of the new Me. is the way the armament is now distributed. The wing guns have been dropped, and all it has is one cannon of 15 mm. firing through the airscrew hub, and two small bore machine guns mounted on the fuselage. This central grouping of the armament weight may result in better power of manoeuvre, never a strong point in the Me. 109.


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## HELPING THE RATES

### SALVAGE A SOURCE OF REVENUE

By H. G. Judd, Controller of Salvage, Ministry of Supply

The nation's need for obtaining war material within the country has been the basis of our campaign to the public to put out paper, metal, bones and other salvageable material.

It is for this reason also that instructions have been given to Local Councils to provide a regular salvage collection. Only by these means can we free shipping for vital imports, prevent our sailors taking needless risks, and conserve our foreign exchange.

But there is another side to the salvage campaign which is often overlooked—and that is profit. The material which is collected by Councils from the public is sold to industry, the Councils retaining the proceeds. These are applied to meeting the costs of collection, and any surplus goes towards reducing the rates—quite apart from any sums which the Councils may voluntarily give to any war charity or other cause.

**Collection Costs.**

Collection costs are in many cases included with the cost of the normal refuse collection, which is provided out of the rates: any additional expense incurred in the collection of salvage is relatively small and should be more than covered by the proceeds of the salvage sold.

Many Councils have recently been considering their accounts for the past year, and these disclose the facts that salvage is a valuable source of revenue which many Councils had never before enjoyed.

The following examples illustrate the financial benefits to the rates which result from efficient salvage work.

Wembley Council report an income of over £10,000, which exceeds the whole expenses of refuse disposal, salvage collection and overhead expenses, except for loan charges on the plant.

West Hartlepool had a net profit of £1,060 after meeting costs.

Kettering is reported to have made a profit of £769.

Redcar made a net profit of £1,166, equal to a 2d. rate.

Carshalton is making a yearly saving of about 1½d. on the rates.

East Grinstead U.D.C. showed a small profit after charging over £500 of plant and equipment.

Shrewsbury salvage resulted in saving more than 1d. rate, and Hexham had a surplus of £218 after paying the cost of two baling presses.

Bournemouth's income from salvage is stated to be equivalent to a 3d. rate.

Arnold U.D.C. made a profit of £300.

**Rural Activity.**

Some rural councils have also done well out of salvage—Winchester R.D.C. made a profit of £1,718 from which they allocated £1,470 to "good causes," retaining £248 for overhead expenses. Battle R.D.C. made a profit of £400, Bothbury practically £100, and East Elloe £20. Worksop had a surplus of £59, Turton a net profit of £154, Saffron Walden £18, and Coalville salvage reduced the rates by 2d.

So you will realise that patriotism and profit in this case can go hand in hand, and it is up to everyone to help his Council achieve this union.

## PIPS SPELL DANGER

### ALARM WITHIN THE ALERT AT BROADSTAIRS

An "alarm within the alert" is now being sounded at Broadstairs.

The warning, which is distinct from the ordinary alert, is used when enemy aircraft are over the town or in the vicinity or when it is thought that imminent danger exists.

A special siren has been installed at the Gas Works and the warning is as follows:

Imminent danger—ten pips.

Release—a steady blast of from ten to 15 seconds.

The new alert has already been tested but arrangements are being made so that it can be heard over a wider area.

### MAJOR V. T. SMITH PROMOTED

Son of a former physical training instructor at Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Capt. J. G. Smith, of Broadstairs, Major V. T. Smith, O.B.E., has been promoted colonel.

## FIVE MEs. IN A DAY

### POLISH PILOT'S EXPLOITS

**A 25-year-old Polish pilot, who brought down no fewer than five Messerschmitts in one day, is now a patient in a south-east coast hospital; suffering from a cut forehead and a broken collar-bone.**

In the first offensive sweep over Northern France last week he shot down one Me.109 and probably a second.

Later in the day he was up again with his squadron, which was acting as an escort in another attack on a target in the same district.

When 50 miles inside France at an altitude of 14,000 feet an Me.109 flew in to attack. Wheeling round he fired five bursts with his cannon. The enemy plane was blown into tiny pieces.

As he was about to take up his position with the squadron the pilot saw another Me. attack a fellow pilot. He fired two short bursts at the Me., which started a dog-fight. When the Me. turned away the Polish pilot chased after him and a burst of fire sent him spinning earthwards.

When the Pole was again about to rejoin his squadron he was attacked by a third Me. It was then that his guns jammed. The pilot decided to ram the enemy and he did it so successfully that his aircrew cut off the tail of the German.

His windscreen was covered with oil, and fragments from the Me. hit the Pole in the face. He made for the English coast, blinded by the blood which flowed from his wound.

As he was drawing in to land the aircraft struck a telegraph pole, and the pilot sustained a fractured collar-bone.

## COMEDY AND ROMANCE

### SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE KING'S

Programmes that will appeal to filmgoers of all ages are being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

"Gone to the Dogs," a crazy comedy which provides plenty of laughs, is the chief attraction for the first four days. George Wallace, the favourite Australian comedian, is the star of this picture, which gained instant success when it was released in Sydney. Wallace, an amateur chemist, attempts to try some of his experiments on his landlady's greyhounds with the result that hundreds of racegoers, bookies and everyone else who goes to "the dogs" find their runners doing the most extraordinary things.

Conrad Veidt and Leslie Fenton are the stars of "Secrets of F.P.1." which is also being shown.

There are "Angels over Broadway" for the latter part of the week when the film of that name will be screened. Douglas Fairbanks, junr., and Rita Hayworth have the leading roles in this tender dramatic romance. The characters with whom the story is concerned are a girl from nowhere . . . a boy who is not so tough as he thinks he is . . . a playwright weaving dreams for others . . . and a man seeking to end his life. The way in which they all become acquainted on a stormy night in New York makes brilliant entertainment, showing realistically how the other half lives.

The programme also includes "Out West with the Peppers," another in the series of films of the Pepper family.

### MAYORS INSPECT A.T.C.

The Mayors of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) and Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) inspected the Thanet squadron of the Air Training Corps at the headquarters of the Squadron, St. John's School, Margate.

The Commanding Officer of the Squadron, Mr. A. E. Crisp, introduced the Mayors.

Both civic leaders pointed out the opportunities available to the boys and recorded their appreciation of the progress they were making.

A drill demonstration was given by the boys under the direction of Mr. R. F. Walbourn, instructor to the Margate Flight.

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## THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR

### SOLDIERS WHO LOOKED ROUND IT FINED

Charged at Margate police court on Wednesday with being found in Glenthorne, Sweyn-road, for the purpose of stealing the goods of the owner, Mrs. Charlotte Rudderforth, on 12th June, Sergt. Konrade Roy Clark, 23, and Pte. Arthur Cane, 24, pleaded not guilty and were defended by 2nd-Lieut. H. C. Leon, barrister.

Miss Mary Ann Rayner, of Stanley-road, Margate, cousin of Mrs. Rudderforth, who had evacuated to Acton, said she had the key of the house, to which she paid periodical visits. Everything was in order when she went there a few days before 12th June. On that day she went there with her sister, and on entering the front door saw a suitcase, a broom and a mop standing just inside. In the suitcase was a new handbag and a cushion cover. She believed the handbag was previously in the case, but the case had not been in the hall before. Her sister walked ahead of her and witness heard her talking to someone. On going into a room she found Sergt. Clark there. When asked what he was doing there he replied that he was only having a look round. He called to another man and Cane came. They said they found the back window open. There was no catch on the window but witness kept it closed and locked the door of the room. When she examined the door she found the hasp was off. She let the two men go out by the front door and then went upstairs. She found some drawers had been opened and their contents had been pulled about.

**They Helped Her.**

Cross-examined, Miss Rayner said her cousin had not lived in the house this year. When she visited the house she went into all the rooms, and locked some of them. The windows on the upper floor were always left open, but those downstairs were closed. Sergt. Clark helped her sister to fasten the window, which was without a catch, so that people could not enter by it.

Witness agreed that both men were polite and helpful and did not appear like sneaking thieves trying to run away with property. She did not remember the sergeant saying he wondered whether anyone had entered the house because he found the window open.

In reply to the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer), witness said it would be necessary to climb over the wall to reach the back of the house.

D/C Tinson, who went to the house with D/S Presland in consequence of a complaint from Miss Rayner, said he found access had been gained through the rear semi-basement window, which had no catch, and forcing the inner door by bodily pressure. They then went to the adjoining house and saw Sergt. Clark, who said "Have you come about the house next door?" Witness told him they had and that they wanted to see the two men who broke in. Clark said he was one of them. He explained that one of his men reported to him that there was a window open in the house, and he accompanied him to the premises. They entered by the window, which was open, and had a look round. Questioned about the door, Clark said he gave it a pull and it came open. The screws were loose. He also said he visited all the rooms and had a good look round in case anyone was in there. Asked if he opened any drawers, he said he opened two or three cupboards and drawers, just to have a look in.

**Their Duty.**

Witness afterwards saw Cane, who said he was in the garden when he saw the window open. They went in to have a look round and he opened two or three drawers. Both men denied any knowledge of the suitcase, mop and broom, and said they did not see them. Clark said he considered it their duty to go in and see if there was anyone there when they found the window open. Cane could not give any explanation for going there except to have a look round.

In reply to Lieut. Leon, D/C Tinson agreed that both men were very open about the matter.

Giving evidence, Clark said he was a Territorial for a few months before the war and was a motor mechanic in private life. There had never been any previous suggestion in regard to his honesty. It seemed strange to him to find a house left in a condition that one was. There were articles all over the place as though there had been a party and the people had just cleared out. There were pictures on the floor. He and Cane were just inquisitive. They did not take anything out of the drawers. When they left Miss Rayner said she would have to report the matter to the police, and he told her that would be all right as he was living next door.

Cane, also a Territorial before the war, said he was a labourer and motor mechanic in peace-time and had nothing against his character.

Two officers gave evidence as to the men's characters, saying they had proved themselves thoroughly straightforward and honest.

**Magistrates' Decision.**

Lieut. Leon, emphasising the seriousness of the charge, both to the town and to the men's battalion, said he realised that there were a large number of unoccupied houses in Margate with goods in them and that the police had to do their best to protect them. The battalion did not want any thieves and if they found any would readily hand them over. It was far more serious for such a charge to be made against a soldier than against a civilian, for the soldier was sent to guard the place.

He submitted that anyone could have entered the house through the window and disarranged it between the time of Miss Rayner's previous visit and the soldiers' visit. There was no evidence that they went there with the intention of stealing. Whether their behaviour was sensible and right was another thing.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced that the magistrates had decided that there would be a conviction against each man. Clark would be fined £2 and Cane £1.

"The magistrates treat this case very seriously," remarked the Mayor. "Because of the men's good characters we are treating them very leniently."

### ARCHBISHOP'S JUBILEE

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, was congratulated by the Archbishop of York at a meeting of the Church Assembly, on the completion of his jubilee as a clergyman.

Dr. Lang has been an archbishop for 33 years—20 at York and 13 at Canterbury.

## GAVE LIFE FOR OTHERS

### CRICKETER'S DEATH IN AIR CRASH

A former Chatham House boy and member of Ramsgate Victoria Cricket Club, A/C Arthur Ernest Pocknell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pocknell, of St. Peter's-footpath, Margate, lost his life in attempting to save some of his colleagues trapped inside a plane which crashed into the sea.

The circumstances in which he met his death are described in a letter to the parents from one of Pocknell's friends who saw the crash.

"Arthur's deed will always live in our memory," he wrote, "and we hope it will help you to bear the loss of your son. When the plane sank he was one of three to get out but it seemed his only thought was to help those trapped inside. The last we saw of him he was climbing back through the hatchway—a second later the plane disappeared from view."

Pocknell attended Holy Trinity School and Margate Central School, from which he gained a scholarship to Chatham House. He was a good all-round sportsman and had represented the school at cricket and chess. He subsequently played cricket for Ramsgate Victoria.

Leaving school at the age of 17, Pocknell was employed at the head office at Ramsgate of Messrs. Vye and son, where he remained until he volunteered for the R.A.F. 14 months ago. He was 27 years of age.

**Funeral Tributes.**

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Tuesday, the Vicar of Margate (the Rev. D. V. Beckingham) officiating.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Pocknell (father and mother), Mr. Frank Pocknell (brother), Mr. S. Phillis (uncle), Mrs. Terry, Mr. C. S. J. Taylor, Mr. Vile, Mr. Hyman and Mr. Hammond.

Floral tributes were received from Mother and Father; Frank (brother); Gloria; Uncle Sid; Auntie Dolly, Uncle Will and Gordon; Auntie Lily and boys; Auntie Lizzie and boys; Lily, Herbert and Mrs. Wilkinson; His unit; Mr. Taylor, Capt. and 2nd-Lieut. Taylor; staff of head office, Vye and Son; neighbours and friends; Mr. Petts and a sympathiser.

## WITHOUT A PERMIT

### POLISH PILOT'S DRIVE TO CINEMA

For using a private car in a defence area without a permit while on short leave, Jan Rogowski, a Polish sergeant-pilot serving in the R.A.F. was summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday.

The Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, explained that he had taken up with the authorities the question of soldiers and airmen using private cars in the area without permits and had been instructed that the regulations regarding the use of cars must be applied to service personnel.

S/C Cutting, who saw the defendant's car in Cecil-square at 8.10 p.m. on 6th June, said that at 9.25 Rogowski came from a cinema and admitted he did not possess a permit. On account of defendant's slight knowledge of English, witness had difficulty in dealing with him but with the aid of a young woman accompanying him ascertained that he was staying on short leave at her home at Monkton.

"He seemed to understand the regulation," said witness, "but appeared to think he was doing something clever in endeavouring to evade it."

Defendant's commanding officer wrote to the court stating that he might not have clearly understood the regulations and that when stationed in a defence area he had a permit for his car.

The case was dismissed with a caution, as was also a similar summons against Sergt. Eric Lucas, R.A.F.

When asked for his permit in Cecil-square by S/C Cutting Lucas produced a piece of paper on which was typed an authority signed by an officer for him to use the car. It was stated that defendant had since been issued with a permit.

## FUNERAL OF MR. J. C. GRUMMANT

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday of Mr. J. C. Grummant, a former member of the Town Council, whose death was reported in our previous issue.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Stanley B. Green.

The family mourners were Mr. Fred Grummant (son), Mr. Alfred T. Grummant (brother) and Mr. T. Grummant (cousin).

There were also present the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) and representatives of Freemasonry.

Floral tributes were received from Joan and Fred; Gracie and Harry; Derek; Pamela; Annie, Alf and Dorothy; Cousin Tom and family; Phyllis, Stanley, Dot and Brian; Mr. and Mrs. Syd Adams; Mr. J. H. Robinson; Sydney W. Smith; office staff of Grummant Bros.; employees of Grummant Bros.; John Olby; Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of the Lewises Lodge (No. 1209) of Freemasons.

The funeral arrangements were undertaken by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

## MR. WILLIAM OWEN

### MARGATE BOWLER'S DEATH

His many bowling friends in Thanet will learn with regret of the death at Denbigh, North Wales, of Mr. William Owen, of Northdown-avenue, Margate.

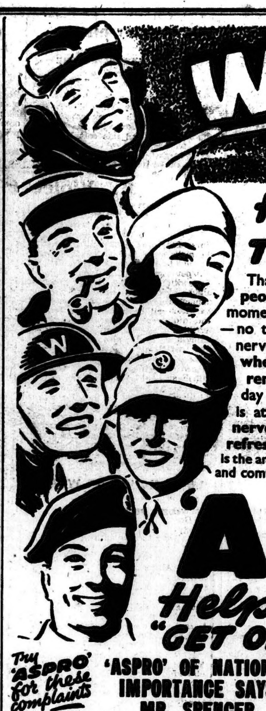
As a result of a fall a fortnight before his death Mr. Owen sustained a fracture of the leg. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at the inquest.

Following his retirement from a post on the staff of Bexley Mental Hospital Mr. Owen came to live at Margate. He was soon a popular member of Margate Bowling Club and for some time carried out the duties of hon. secretary. He was also a member of Margate Constitutional Club.

He leaves a widow and one son.

## HOOD VICTIM

**Lieut. L. E. Friend, R.N.V.R., of H.M.S. Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Friend, of Cliftonville, Margate, is reported missing, believed killed in action.**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## 25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### THE WAR OF 1914-18

Although the Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate has been performing excellent work for some months the official opening of the establishment has not taken place until this week. The Granville Hospital and its branches is an illuminating example of the independence of the Canadian Red Cross Society. A great organisation, staffed by Colonials, administered by Colonials, with the greater part of its equipment and commissariat brought across the ocean by Colonials in Colonial ships, shows the giant resources of the wonderful dominion. Canadians are proverbially hustlers, a propensity which is remarkably fortunate in wartime. It would probably have taken an English administrative system as many years as it has taken weeks to establish a building like this upon efficient lines. The Granville as a hospital is at once an acquisition to the town and an object lesson to all who visit it.

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The local butchers have agreed to lower the price of meat, the change affecting the price of mutton.

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Dr. T. J. Macnamara, Fanancial Secretary to the Admiralty, who has been staying at Broadstairs, visited Ramsgate last week. He was accompanied by his daughter.

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Writing in the Canadian Hospital News, the newspaper published by the patients at the Canadian Hospital, Ramsgate, "Kritcos" voices the orderly's lament:

When first I joined the Medical Corps,
To tend our wounded horde,
I dreamed of healing their wounds so sore;
But I find the job's a fraud.
We don't breathe words of comfort to
The heroes battered and bored,
But morning to eve the whole day through,
We polish the floor of the ward.

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Corpl. A. Afrigan, a Ramsgate man serving in England, wrote home, giving news of Lady Decies, of Birchington, who is now engaged on nursing work in France.

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Sergt. C. J. Sutton, the well-known Ramsgate entertainer, has written a cheery letter from France, where he has taken part in several concerts given to men of the B.E.F. His wife, Miss Florence Clare, is at present living at Broadstairs.

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Pte. A. Mynheer, Pte. A. Solly, and Sergt. A. Stedman, all of Ramsgate, who are serving with the Royal West Kent Regiment, took part in the defence of Kut, which has been captured by Turkish forces. The three men are reported to be prisoners of war.

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Lieut-Qmser. F. G. Davies, formerly collector of taxes at St. Lawrence, has been mentioned in dispatches. He is serving with the Northumberland Fusiliers.

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Pte. Stanley D. Groombridge, and Pte. Walter T. Cox, both of Central-road, Ramsgate, are reported to have been killed in action. They were serving with The Buffs.

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An old boy of Manston Cottage Homes, Pte. W. Hore, Connaught Rangers, has been captured by the Bulgarians and is interned at Sofia. He is the first local man to be captured by Bulgarian troops.

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The death from wounds is reported of Capt. J. L. L. Johnston, Leinster Regiment, third son of the Rev. R. E. Johnston, Vicar of Marden and formerly Vicar of St. Peter's. Capt. Johnston was 21 years of age.

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"Ramsgate is proud of the women workers who have in all sorts of businesses stepped into vacancies caused by the absence of men on war service" ran the caption to a picture published in the Thanet Advertiser of a group of women postmen and G.P.O. messengers employed at Ramsgate. Wearing fashionable uniforms the postwomen were Miss Woolcott, Miss Willey, Miss Hunter, Miss White and the Misses Kilkenny.

## 50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### FRONT ROAD INQUIRY

A Local Government inquiry was held at Ramsgate Town Hall in reference to the application of the Corporation for power to borrow £60,000 for the purpose of carrying out the new front improvements. Mr. Arnold Taylor conducted the inquiry, and Mr. W. A. Hubbard, Town Clerk, appeared for the Corporation, while Mr. G. Wallace appeared for a number of ratepayers opposed to the scheme. Mr. Hubbard stated that the scheme was estimated to cost £70,000 in all, out of which £2,000 was provided for engineering and law expenses. The engineer had already been paid £1,220. He said that £60,000 calculated at 3½ per cent. for 50 years would mean a repayment of capital and interest at 4½ per cent. It was stated, however, that they might get a loan for the purchase of buildings to extend over 50 years, but not for works.

When the inquiry was closed—it began at 10 a.m. and continued until 7.15 p.m.—Mr. Taylor said it was a matter of satisfaction that so important a matter had been gone into, and all that remained was for him to report the circumstances to the Local Government Board. He had been instructed to conduct an inquiry into the proposed loan of £60,000 for what was modestly termed street improvements, but which they all knew was the great improvement scheme known as the New Front Road.

### CHOIR OUTING

On Thursday the senior members of St. Peter's Church choir went for their annual outing. A start was made from the church at about nine o'clock, the company being comfortably seated in a brake provided by Mr. Whiteing, of Broadstairs, and favoured with fine weather the drive to the selected rendezvous (Shepherdswell) was a thoroughly enjoyable one. At Shepherdswell a capital repast was awaiting the party and needless to state ample justice was done to the good things provided. Dover was visited in the afternoon and the time was spent in a pleasant manner.

**If it's News ring Ramsgate 1012.**

## A YEAR AGO

Seven German bombers were brought down, two of them off the south east coast, during a series of hit and run raids on this country. At one coast town a bungalow was damaged when a number of high explosive bombs were dropped, but there was little damage and no casualties.

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More news of Thanet men serving with the land, sea and air Forces was received. Those reported killed were Stoker P/O T. A. Horne, R.N., Boundary-road, Ramsgate; Pte. R. W. Britten, Anti-tank Corps, of Grange-road, Ramsgate; and Pilot Officer Derek Beardon, son of Mr. C. C. Beardon, of Ramsgate. Three Ramsgate men of The Buffs who were reported missing were Ptes. G. Grainger, B. Jones and D. Goff.

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A Home Office order was put into effect providing that all signs visible from the highway which gave place-names or directions, were to be removed. The order also provided that place names should be removed from all motor cars and tradesmen's motor cycle combinations and carrier cycles.

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The death took place of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the famous big-game hunter, and owner of the Quex Park museum, Birchington. He was a native of Margate.

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Dog racing came to an end at Dumpton Park greyhound racecourse, Ramsgate, with the 13th meeting of the 13th season.

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Inspr. P. Kitchingham, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs for four years, was appointed chief inspector and was to take up his duties in that capacity at Gillingham, it was announced.

## BIRTHDAY IN CAPTIVITY

### BUFF PRISONER'S CHEERY MESSAGE

"I've just polished off a steak and kidney pudding out of the Red Cross parcel we received two or three days ago. Boy, did it go down well."

This cheery message was received by Mr. and Mrs. J. Todd, of Gordon-road, Westwood, from their son, Pte. Leonard Todd, The Buffs, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag XXA.

In a later message Pte. Todd wrote "We received three parcels each a fortnight ago so I had a very good birthday party."

Pte. Todd, who is 20 years of age, was in the territorial army before the war.

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## TAKINGS UP

### BIGGER ROSE DAY AT RAMSGATE

The Alexandra Rose Day collection in the Ramsgate district on Tuesday brought in the gratifying sum of £119 15s. 10d.

Although the population is considerably smaller than a year ago, and the collection followed closely on War Weapons Week and the Red Cross flag day, the total shows an increase of £32 over the previous year.

The organisers are also gratified to find that the limitation of the roses to one variety had no detrimental result on the collection.

The district totals were as follows: Ramsgate (organised by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), £96 6s. 6d.; Cliffs End (Major Howard), £2 9s. 7d.; Manston (Miss Lednor), £3 16s.; Minster (Major Howard), £13 4s. 3d.; Monkton (Mrs. Smith), £3 19s. 6d.

By the sale of motor garlands, the Mayoress, Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe, obtained £5 1s. and Mrs. Targett £3 15s.

Other details of the Ramsgate collection are:

A.F.S.—Mr. Berrynorth, £2 5s. 11d.; Mr. Buckley, £1 3s. 5d.; Mr. Card, 10s. 5d.; Mr. Cray, 14s. 5d.; Mr. Hill, £1 3s. 7d.; Mr. Holness, £1 1s. 10d.; Mr. Lewis, £1 9s. 1d.; Mr. Perkins, £1 1s. 9d.; Mr. Richards, 17s. 8d.; Mr. Solly, 19s. 7d.; Boxes 84 and 90, 18s. 2d.

A.R.P. Casualty Services—A and B Garage, 14s. 7d.; Ambulance Station, Cavendish-street, 11s. 4d.; Miss Anabona, £1 2s. 10d.; Misses Andrews, £2 4s. 4d.; Mrs. Bishop, £1 5s. 2d.; Miss Butler, £1 6s.; Mr. Daniels, £1 11s. 7d.; Mrs. Digweed, 12s.; Mr. Landray, £1 10s. 2d.; Boxes 49, 54, 56, 58, 108, £4 13s. 11d.

Mrs. Adams, £1 3s. 6d.; Miss Almond, 8s. 6d.; Mr. Britton, £2 13s. 9d.; Mrs. Bickerton, £1 6s.; Miss Clutterbuck, 17s. 4d.; Mrs. Cootes, 17s. 9d.; Messrs. Dewhurst, 4s. 6d.; Miss Elvin, 2s. 5d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, £1 6s. 8d.; Miss Foster, £1 2s. 9d.; Mrs. Gordon, £1 6s.; Mr. Green, 7s. 2d.; Miss Harmer, 14s. 5d.; Mr. Hewes, £2 4s. 7d.; Mr. Hind, £1 12s. 10d.; Mrs. Halliday, 11s. 4d.; Miss Hoad, £2 12s. 6d.; Mrs. Kevan, 15s.; Miss Le Gallais, £1 14s. 6d.; Mrs. Locke, £1 7s. 6d.; Miss Merrick, £1 1s. 7d.; Miss Morling, 6s. 7d.; Miss Moys, 4s. 11d.; Miss Muirhead, 13s. 3d.; Miss North, £1 2s. 3d.; Miss Privett, £1 4s. 6d.; Mrs. Pugh, £1 8s. 11d.; Mrs. Quaife, £1 1s.; Miss Robinson, £2 18s.; Miss Rose, 8s. 5d.; Mrs. Shelton, 7s. 10d.; Miss Snelling, £1 0s. 11d.; Messrs. Sharp's Dairy (Miss Wilson), 10s. 1d.; Mrs. Spencer, £3 15s.; Mr. Saxby, 13s. 3d.; Mrs. Targett, £4 13s. 5d.; Mrs. Todd, £3 15s. 6d.; Mr. Ward, £1 0s. 4d.; W.V.S. Canteen, 1s. 11d. Depot, £1 5s. 6d.

Ramsgate General Hospital—Sister Pain, 14s. 9d.; Nurse Blackburn, £1 3s.; Nurse Byers, 9s.; Nurse Charles-Auckland, 12s. 4d.; Nurses Chandler and Valette, 13s. 6d.; Nurse Fiddyment, 6s.; Nurse Frith, 5s. 10d.; Nurse Griffin, 12s. 7d.; Nurse Gunston, 17s. 5d.; Nurse Holdaway, 5s. 8d.; Nurse Keyho, £1 7s. 4d.; Nurse Reay, 10s. 5d.; Nurse Strond, 13s.; Nurse Taylor, 10s. 11d.; Nurse Tilley, 2s. 5d.; Nurse Upton, 18s. 5d.; Nurse Wilkes, 2s. 7d.

### PROVINCIAL HONOURS

Thanet Freemasons to receive honours at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent were W. Bro. S. E. Austen, St. Lawrence Lodge No. 3350, Ramsgate, P.J.G.D., and W. Bro. R. G. Howard, Bradstow Lodge, No. 2446, Broadstairs, P.A.G.D.C.

### RAMSGATE BEQUESTS

The late Mr. A. F. Thompson, formerly of Picton-road, Ramsgate, who left estate valued at £26,999, bequeathed £100 each to Ramsgate General Hospital and St. Lawrence Church.

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## RAMSGATE

**Estimates for Removal or Storage.**—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

**Pansy Day.**—A Pansy Day collection in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes will be held in Ramsgate on Saturday.

**Archbishop's August Visit.**—The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at Christ Church, Ramsgate, on the evening of Sunday, 3rd August, in connection with the patronal festival.

**Things we are wanting to buy**—Old Gold, Silver and Jewellery, Prism and Field glasses and we are willing to pay a good price—Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

**Comforts Fund Dance.**—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted the application of Mr. W. G. Love for an occasional license to sell intoxicating liquor at the West Cliff Theatre from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Tuesday next on the occasion of a dance in aid of the Mayor's Comforts Fund for Civil Defence Workers.

**To Entertain the Troops.**—To relieve the tedium of men on service in isolated posts, the Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, is organising a travelling concert party to give regular entertainments. Additional talent to give variety to the concerts will be welcomed and offers should in the first place be made by letter to Mrs. Peete, local secretary of the Troops Comforts Fund, Clarendon House.

**Knitting Party.**—So successful have become the knitting parties held at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. that woollen comforts are now being knitted for the troops as well as for the civil defence forces for which the party was originally formed by Mrs. Peete, the Mayor's Welfare Officer. Ladies requiring wool or advice in connection with the scheme are invited to attend one of the weekly meetings.

## BROADSTAIRS

**Long Lives.**—Of 13 people buried at St. Peter's churchyard between 24th May and 19th June, seven were over 80 years of age and three were over 70

**Mothers in the Garden.**—The Broadstairs and St. Peter's branches of the Mothers' Union will hold a joint meeting in the garden of Wellesley Orchard to hear an address by Mrs. Bradley, of Margate, on Monday afternoon.

**Met in Ireland.**—The Vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. L. Hamel-Smith, who is on service as an Army chaplain in Northern Ireland, recently met Mr. Philipson, a former curate at St. Peter's, who is now a chaplain in the R.A.F.

**Important Parish Meeting.**—Under the heading "Very Important" a stop-press notice in the July issue of St. Peter's "War-time News Sheet" announces that an extraordinary meeting of all parishioners will be held in the Old Parish Room, Tippledore-lane, at 8 p.m. on Monday next.

**News of the Exiles.**—News of a large number of exiled parishioners is given by the Rector of Broadstairs, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, in the July issue of Holy Trinity parish magazine. The magazine also publishes a letter from the Rev. W. H. Bathurst who recently visited Broadstairs with his wife.

**Funeral of Mr. H. B. Winsley.**—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Thursday of Mr. Henry William Winsley, of St. George's-road, Broadstairs, who passed away at the age of 85 years. Mr. Winsley, who had lived in Broadstairs for a number of years, leaves a widow and two sons.

**Visiting Evacuees.**—The Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) is on a ten-day visit to Staffordshire, where he will visit as many Broadstairs evacuees as possible. Mr. Bailey will preach at St. Chade's, Stafford, and the Vicar of St. Chade's (Rev. G. R. Cook) will officiate at Holy Trinity during the Rector's absence.

**Welcome Tendency.**—The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, who is in charge of St. Peter's parish during the absence of the Vicar, reports in the July issue of the church news-sheet, that congregations have shown a slight but welcome tendency to increase lately. "But" he adds "we must not overlook the obvious fact that unless we can maintain our progress we shall find it hard to avoid a strategic withdrawal to the vestry for the winter again." Mr. Meredith has decided not to go away for a holiday this summer.

**A Ready Pen.**—"The Bat" who contributes notes and notions to the quarterly guide and official handbook of the East Kent District of Good Templars writes in the current issue: "The Bat" doubts whether any of our members wield a more ready pen than Bro. A. B. Impett, of Broadstairs; topics of all sorts are treated by him in a style of his own—nothing seems to come amiss to him and few things escape his attention. For a time, at least, he is compelled to rest his pen, but "The Bat" knows that inactivity must prove very irksome to him, and is sure that the speedy return of his writings will be looked forward to by our members and welcomed. One of his best efforts of late has been an Intercession Hymn written for the "Star of the East" Lodge, which is used weekly at the Lodge meetings, and has been reproduced in full in "The Good Templar's Watchword."

## MINSTER

**Soldiers' Welfare.**—Sergt.-Major Duell was the M.C. at the weekly dance held at Minster Parish Hall on Saturday in aid of the Minster and Monkton Comforts Fund and the local Troops' Welfare Fund. At the whist drive on Wednesday, at which Sergt.-Major Duell was again M.C., the winners were Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Ansell, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Brome, Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. Beerling.

**Rose Day.**—As a result of Rose Day at Minster on Tuesday the sum of £15 13s. 9d. was collected. The collection was organised by Major W. Howard and the collectors and the amounts collected were: Miss Wellard, £2 9s. 10½d.; Miss Vousden, £2 9s. 7d.; Mrs. Lucas, £1 18s. 7d.; Mrs. Howard, £1 9s. 4½d.; Mrs. Fright, £1 10s.; Mrs. Worley, £1 11s. 6d.; Mrs. Card, £1 17s.; Mrs. Shersby, £2 7s. 10½d.

## BIRCHINGTON

**Expired License.**—For riding a motor cycle at Birchington without a license Lance-Corpl. Osbourne William Oakley was fined 10s. at Margate police court on Wednesday. P/C Collyer said defendant was unable to produce a license when stopped in Birchington square on 1st June, but later produced one which expired in January.

## MANSTON

**Rose Day Result.**—At Manston the sale of Alexandra roses realised £3 16s. Miss Iris Lednor collected £3 10s.; Mrs. John Smith (Post Office) 4s. 10d. and the Jolly Farmer 1s. 2d.

### RECOVERY OF MR. O. DEUTSCH

A bulletin received by Mr. R. H. Barton, manager of the Ramsgate Odeon, concerning the health of Mr. Oscar Deutsch, chairman of directors, who recently underwent an operation, states that as he postponed the operation for some months owing to pressure of work, his recuperation is not as rapid as had been hoped but that he is now well on the road to recovery.

With complete rest and quiet, Mr. Deutsch hopes to be back at his desk within a few weeks.

**BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 11.6 p.m. TILL 5.2 a.m.**

## A SHORT RIDE

### BUT AN EXPENSIVE ONE

A ride of a few yards on a motor cycle proved an expensive business for Pte. Albert Charles McCarthy.

When the clutch wire snapped the motor cycle collided with the wall of a public house and this cost McCarthy £1 1s. 9d.

At Ramsgate police court on Monday he was called on to pay a further 15s.—five shillings on each of three summonses for driving while uninsured, driving without a license and driving in a Defence Area without a permit.

P/S Rogers said McCarthy told him he did not know it was necessary to have a permit to drive in the area.

Defendant told the magistrates that the motor cycle belonged to a sergeant and they had been repairing it for him. He took it out for a trial run and collided with the wall. It was the first time he had taken the machine out.

An officer from defendant's unit said McCarthy had been with them for two years and went to France. He was a well qualified mechanic and truck driver and could also ride a motor cycle proficiently. After getting the motor cycle to start he drove it along a lane used chiefly by Army vehicles. At the end of the lane he failed to turn the corner and ran into a public house, which cost him £1 1s 9d. He was a man of very good character indeed.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said in view of defendant's good character they were regarding the case as a silly escapade. His license would not be endorsed.

## LONG HOURS OF WORK

### TIRED FOREMAN FINED

For failing to immobilise his car after he had put it away in the garage on the night of 16th June, Leslie Rundle Charles Allington, aged 32, builder's foreman, of Station Approach-road, was fined 10s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

P/C Bates said defendant told him that he did not return home until very late and as he was very tired he forgot to remove the rotor arm.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said defendant was not as frank as he might have been with the officer. If he had explained the circumstances a little more fully at the time it might have made a difference to the line of action taken. The defendant had been engaged on work of national importance and had been working a great number of hours.

## LICENSEE FINED

### OFFICERS AT THE RED COW

As they walked past the Red Cow Inn, Sandwich, at 11.25 p.m. on 29th May, two police officers heard voices coming from inside.

When the licensee, Charles Brown, opened the door he admitted people were on the premises.

At Sandwich police court last week Brown was fined £5 for permitting people on the premises contrary to an order made by the Regional Commissioner under the Defence Regulations.

Lieut. Bernard Arthur Gain, 2nd-Lieut. John Hugill Morum and Mrs. Gertrude Florence Everett, of Market-street, Sandwich, who pleaded guilty to remaining on the premises, were each fined £3.

## RELF—TIPPLE

### MARGATE WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Margate, last week, of Mr. Ronald Richard Relf, of the Fleet Air Arm, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Relf, of Orchard-road, to Miss Joan Frances Elizabeth Tipple, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tipple, of Wyndcliffe, Westwood, Margate.

Given away by a friend, Mr. A. E. Bray, the bride wore a navy blue striped dress with hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of red roses and heather.

Owing to the late arrival of a train the bridesmaid, Miss Joyce Relf, sister of the bridegroom, was unable to get to the church until after the ceremony.

Mr. Harold Relf was best man and the ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. D. V. Beckingham).

### DANCING ON VICARAGE LAWN

Lady Carson will open an evening garden party and dance at St. George's Vicarage, 1 Grove-road, Ramsgate, on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Music for the dance will be provided by the R.A.F. band and there will be various attractive sideshows.

The proceeds will go to help parish funds and Church work abroad.

One of the features of the garden party will be the exhibition of a large-scale model of St. George's Church.

The model has been constructed by the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) with the assistance of Miss M. Sharpe and Miss J. Pulden.

Over the western doorway of the model is a representation of St. George and the "stained glass windows" include portraits of the vicars of the parish.

On payment of a small fee patrons will be able to "unveil" windows or portions of windows.

### *VALUED COLLEAGUES*

"Accredited representatives of the Press will be treated by the staffs and commands of Canadian formations as valued colleagues with a most important mission to discharge," writes Lieut.-General A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian Corps Commander in Britain, in a foreword to the regulations issued for the guidance of his units in co-operating with war correspondents.

"They will be fully trusted, treated with complete frankness and given every proper facility for their work. The sole restriction on their writings will be that they shall not contain information of value to the enemy."

### MR. A. C. DOLBEN RETIRES

Kent Higher Education Committee have tendered their thanks and appreciation for valuable service in the cause of education to Mr. A. C. Dolben, a member of the staff of Chatham House (Boys') School, Ramsgate, who has retired.

### THEY CAN'T BE BEATEN

On Friday the house was severely damaged by a heavy bomb. The roof was off, doors and windows smashed, ceilings down. Furniture was wrecked and the home, comfortably built up over many years, was reduced to rubble in a few seconds. All that on the Friday night. On Saturday the occupants were carefully clearing the front garden and planting asters!

## OBJECTED TO LODGER

### Q.M.S. AND WIFE

A quartermaster-sergeant in the Royal Marines, Walter Vivian Coleman, whose address was given as Ellington-road, was the respondent in domestic proceedings at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Matilda Coleman, applied for a maintenance order on the grounds of wilful neglect.

Mr. A. R. Young appeared for the wife and defendant was represented by Mr. E. C. Allfree.

The parties were married eight years ago. The husband alleged that he took exception to a lodger staying at his wife's house. When he returned home on leave, after being injured in an air raid and with his leg in plaster of paris, the lodger assaulted him.

For the wife it was stated that the lodger only intervened when the husband attempted to strike her.

Mr. Allfree submitted that in view of her action with regard to the lodger the wife had forfeited all claims on her husband.

The magistrates made an order for the payment of maintenance at the rate of £2 a week, and ordered the husband to pay £2 2s. solicitor's fees and 10s. 6d. costs.

## BROTHER AND SISTER

### DIE WITHIN TWO HOURS

Capt. William Francis Cossey, of Epple Bay-road, Birchington, and his sister, Miss Gladys Mabel Cossey, passed away within two hours of each other on Friday.

For some years their parents, the late Major and Mrs. J. F. Cossey, lived in Shakespeare-road, Birchington.

Seventy-three years of age, Capt. Cossey had lived in Birchington for 28 years. He was for many years in the service of the P. and O. Shipping Company.

A prominent member of Westgate and Birchington Golf Club, he was for a short time a member of the Birchington section of the Home Guard. He leaves a widow and two sons.

The Vicar (the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp) officiated at the funeral service at All Saints' Church, Birchington, on Monday.

Miss Cossey, who lived in Birchington some years ago, died at a nursing home at Hindhead.

### *THEY ENJOY EVERY BIT*

Recent letters, containing renewals of subscriptions, received by the Publisher of the ADVERTISER & ECHO include the following extracts:

"I should like to thank you for sending the 'T.A.' so promptly each week."—From Mumbles, near Swansea.

"I thank you for sending the paper each week. I have enjoyed every bit of the news they contain and I look forward eagerly each Saturday morning for my weekly Home news."—From Eltham.

"Thank you very much for the regular delivery—your paper is very much welcomed on its arrival at the above establishment I can assure you. Good luck!"—From Stafford.

"Many thanks for sending each week so promptly."—From Ilfracombe, Devon.

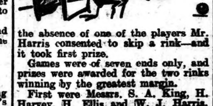
"Thanks for promptly sending 'T.A.' Please find enclosed p.o. for 3s. for three months of your valuable paper."—from Pershore, near Worcester.

## BOWLS DRIVE

### DONOR WINS FIRST PRIZE

Evacuation has not entirely denuded Margate of its bowlers, for 40 players took part in a drive held by Dane Park Bowling Club on Saturday.

The drive was organised and the prizes given by Mr. W. J. Harris. In



the absence of one of the players Mr. Harris consented to skip a rink—and it took first prize.

Games were of seven ends only, and prizes were awarded for the two rinks winning by the greatest margin.

First were Messrs. S. A. King, H. Harvey, H. Ellis and W. J. Harris, who returned a score of 37-12, and Messrs. C. J. Amos, J. Tattersall, H. Sutherland and J. J. Rhodes were second with a card of 30-15.

Prizes for the rink whose score was nearest to a hidden number were won by Messrs. E. Fudge, H. Streete, H. Barnes and A. Bradley.

### RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

Margate Education Committee have received a circular from the Association of Education Committees in reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury's five-point programme upon religious instruction in schools.

At the monthly meeting of the committee the chairman, Alderman W. C. Redman, said the committee were in full agreement with the proposals and hoped they would form a useful basis for further religious instruction when the schools returned to Margate.

Many of the points, he explained, were already in operation in the committee's schools. For instance, all the schools were opened every morning with a little service and prayer. He imagined that that was not the case at all schools in the country.

### CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN

At the monthly meeting of Margate Education Committee the chairman, Alderman W. C. Redman, who attended the annual meeting of the Association of Education Committees as a member of the Executive, said he found once again that they were more favoured in Margate than in some districts in the provision of footwear and clothing to necessitous children. They were still able to make it a voluntary service.

In some areas, he said, children suffered so much from the want of footwear that it was impossible to meet the need by voluntary effort. In those circumstances he felt he would be bound to support any Government scheme introduced for the provision of footwear and clothing.

### CATHEDRAL INTERCESSIONS

The parishes for which intercessions are being offered at Canterbury Cathedral this month include:

To-day: St. Luke's, Ramsgate; Wednesday, Holy Trinity, Ramsgate; Thursday, St. Lawrence; Friday, Manston; Saturday, St. Peter's; Monday next, St. James', Garlinge; Tuesday, St. Saviour's, Westgate.

## A FRAGRANT MEMORY

### THE LIFE OF MR. EDWIN COTTON

Under the heading "completion of a noble work," the July issue of Christ Church, Ramsgate, Parish Magazine contains an appreciation of the life of the late Mr. Edwin Cotton.

States the magazine:

The life of Edwin Cotton, Ramsgate's Harbour Missionary for more than a quarter of a century, will continue as a fragrant memory in the thoughts of all who knew him. The work of the Sailors' Home and Harbour Mission will be ever remembered in the Church which sponsored that work for 60 years amongst the sea-faring elements in the town. To preserve that memory, as was made public by the Vicar during the Whit-Monday service, the mural tablets and sanctuary furnishings from the Sailors' Church will be incorporated in a Sailors' Memorial Chapel, which will be dedicated in Christ Church in the place which now forms the baptistery.

Mr. Cotton was single-minded in the utter surrender of his life to the love of and work for the Master Whom he devotedly worshipped. Those who mourn his passing and miss his ministry could not honour him more or please him better than by following his lead and devoting themselves to a like worship of the Same Master. Though the operations of Law and exigencies of War have combined to close the building for such a use, yet the worship of God goes on, and the memory of Edwin Cotton lingers. And so long as that memory lingers it will always be, in the heart of the one who remembers, an inspiration to worship. Thus will Mr. Cotton's work abide, though he himself pass on.

It will be recalled that exactly 12 months ago Mr. Cotton retired upon the advice of the Sailors' Home hon. medical practitioner, and preached his last sermon on 30th June, 1940. Recently he was taken ill while living with his son in Derbyshire, and ultimately finished his course on 29th May. He was brought to Ramsgate for the final service in the Sailors' Church, which was quite filled with mourning friends, among whom were included the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, as representing the sympathy of the town.

### THE NEW RATION BOOKS

The new ration books are now being delivered. This time there are two books; one, the ordinary Ration Book, rather like the last, the other, the supplementary Ration Book, R.B.9., which is yellow.

As soon as you get them, see that the particulars on the front covers are right; if it is not, go to the Food Office at once.

These two books have to last you for a whole year, so you must look after them carefully. Do not let them get crumpled up.

You should always keep the two books close together. The best thing to do is to put the yellow book inside the other one just behind the Spare C. page and fix it there with a piece of tape or rubber band round the hinges of the books. If you do that they will always be together.

The last coupons in the current ration book (i.e., those numbered 26) are valid this week, but the new ration book will not come into use until 28th July. During the three intervening weeks the current book will continue to be used. Holders of general and children's ration books must keep their books for these three weeks at least.

Retailers should mark the backs of the appropriate coupon pages with the numbers 27, 28 and 29, according to the week in which the purchase is made. For meat purchases, the retailer must also write after these numbers figures representing the number of coupons or half-coupons used.

Establishments and institutions must mark the ration books of residents during these three weeks in the same way.

### ARCHBISHOP'S JUBILEE THANKS

Referring to the jubilee anniversary of his ordination, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. C. G. Lang, in his July letter to the diocese, writes:

"It was really wonderful that, in spite of all difficulties of transit at this time, no less than between 270 and 280 of the clergy of the diocese assembled in the Cathedral at the ordination service on St. Barnabas' Day, to surround me as well as those who were ordained with their prayers and good wishes. It was a great delight that once again we were able to worship together in the glorious Choir of the Cathedral. Thereafter the clergy met in the Chapter House and presented an Address to me signed by them and others who were not able to be present. The words of the Address were indeed far too generous and made me feel how little I have done to deserve them.

"I wish with all my heart that I could have more fully realised that 'special and intimate relationship of sons to their Father in God' of which the Address spoke. But my brethren know well the difficulties of combining that personal knowledge of themselves and the parishes which is always my heart's desire and the ceaseless and heavy duties and responsibilities beyond the Diocese which belong to my office. I have at least tried to do my best in visiting the parishes. I think I can claim to have done more in this respect than any of my predecessors. I have visited all but some 25 of the 300 benefices in the Diocese—many of which I have of course visited more than once, some several times. It is still my hope that before my time is over I may have visited all at least once."

### ROSE DAY AT MARGATE

As a result of Rose Day collection at Margate last week the sum of £141 12s. was raised as against £100 the previous year.

The Mayoress (Mrs. G. P. Hoare), who was responsible for the general organisation, wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of the collection.

The ward collectors and the amounts raised were:

Marina and Pier (Mrs. Venner and Mrs. Linington), £48 18s.

Salmestone and Cecil (Mrs. Venner and Mrs. Atkins), £24 7s. 9d.

Park (Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Foat), £14 6s. 9d.

Cliftonville (Mrs. Scarlett), £7 14s. 6d.

Ethelbert (Mrs. Doughty), £6 4s. 7d.

West-North (Mrs. Elliott), £3 0s. 10d.

West-South (Mrs. Fright), £3 14s. 4d.

Birchington (Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Denning and Mrs. Adams), £21 14s. 3d.

Westgate (the Misses Rogers), £11 11s.

### SCHOOL POSTER EXHIBITS

Considerably more than half of the education authorities of the country have announced their intention of cooperating with the National Savings Committee in the organisation of the National Poster Competition for Schools promoted by the Committee. Many entries have also been received from individual schools.

The best posters submitted will be shown in the national exhibition which it is proposed to hold in London in August.

## CUTTING THEIR CLOTH

### WOMEN'S SACRIFICE FOR VICTORY

By JOAN SUTHERLAND

A tremendous step has been taken by the Government in the disciplining of the nation as a whole, and women in particular, a step that would even a year ago have called forth a storm of indignation. Clothes have been rationed!

Clothes require coupons—and it is adding insult to injury when you tell a woman that the extra coupons needed at present to buy herself a new pair of stockings are called margarine coupons! Mothers of families will be hard put to it to say which, had they the choice, they consider the most precious of the two commodities. You can make cakes or keep your legs and ankles warm! It is really a puzzling thought—but there is, alas, no choice. There are stockings if you give those coupons; there is no extra margarine.

However, it says a great deal for women that they have taken the blow without flinching—a completely unexpected blow, almost below the belt—and going about a good deal as I do, talking to all kinds of women in many varying walks and positions in life, I have not heard one grumble or complaint.

There has on the contrary been a great deal of laughter and planning. Of course there has also been some criticism; that is inevitable, because like all immense schemes the complications are immense also, and no doubt there will be modifications here and there and tightening up here and there also.

**Significant Step.**

But it is not of the scheme itself that I am thinking; it is of the deep significance that lies behind and beneath it, for the significance is there. New clothes are to innumerable women what their clubs and tobacco are to men, they are a tonic, a pleasure, an excitement and very often—if home made—an occupation; but they are for most of us a thing of the past and we are glad, for we are anxious, all of us, to take the fullest share we can in the country's effort; and expenditure of this sort is surely a small thing to give up if by so doing we can contribute even a little to that effort. This we can be sure we do.

One of the chief reasons for the Government's action is to avoid the use of time, effort and material, on the production of unnecessary clothes and house furnishings. These articles are the result of skilled workmanship; they use valuable material of many kinds, and that workmanship and those materials must no longer be put into luxuries or extravagances, big or little, but into direct war effort.

Silk needed for parachutes must not be made into stockings or nightgowns; linen, cotton, leather—all these commodities are wanted in differing ways for aeroplanes, explosives, war materials of many kinds. And as such they must be used.

**Difficulties of the Times.**

In the past women, except nursing staffs or the like, have stayed in safety while the men went to the posts of danger; even now we do not have to fight; but the danger to those who live in big cities is fairly evenly divided and women have come out of the trial well.

Even for those living in country districts reasonably remote from aerial attack, life is not easy; housekeeping is a real problem, not the least difficulty being that of finding nourishing food for husbands who work in the fields or at heavy trades such as bricklaying, and for children who have to walk a mile or two along country roads to school and take their lunch with them; prices are high; relaxation of all kinds almost non-existent, and nearly always there is some member of the family in the fighting forces, which makes for constant anxiety. Worse still if some loved one is a prisoner of war.

Yet there again, one hears hardly any grumbling, and if some unwise female made a remark like: "Might as well be under German rule, I think," she is speedily made to feel extremely uncomfortable.

**Patriotic Shabbiness.**

Women—and I am not thinking only of those generally labelled "working-class," for nearly everyone is that nowadays—who have been accustomed to two or three maids, and now have to reorganise their whole lives on a very different basis, are for the most part like their poorer sisters, behaving splendidly, and they deserve special praise, for the wife of a professional man, the barrister, the doctor, the writer, is very badly hit indeed by war conditions; while having about half or less than their customary income, they have still to keep up a good appearance—their menfolk cannot go about with frayed cuffs or soiled collars or patched shoes—even now such blemishes would harm a professional man's chances of getting work. Also such wives have to subscribe to war charities, help people who come begging for little aids of one kind and another, and struggle with the type of assistance that very often regards thrift as meanness, and says so.

To women like these the clothes rationing order will not be a hardship, it will be a relief; it will be patriotic to be shabby and a distinction to wear clothes that are no longer smart but show rubbed and shiny surfaces; and many of the richer women too will be glad of the restrictions, because they will not be able to give way to temptation when they want a new expensive frock and know that loyalty to their country demands that they should not have it.

**Obeying Cheerfully.**

Men may laugh at, or pity, women for finding temptation in so small a thing as a new hat or a smart pair of shoes when the world is in the state it is, but let them remember that besides their life, the average woman's is now very circumscribed by long hours of work and inability to get about much, and not very much more sheltered.

A man may have the responsibility of earning the money, but even that nowadays is shared by many a wife, and at least when his work is over it is finished, whereas a woman's, if she has home and children, is never ending. That may be a commonplace but it is nevertheless true, and partly because of this, partly because they are a tonic to her tired body or worried mind, new clothes are a temptation to most of us!

So let men give women full credit for their attitude to the last rationing order; they are obliged to obey it, true, but they are obeying cheerfully, even with amusement, which is a very different thing, so it is by no means admirable to laugh at their weakness in liking to look as attractive as they can. Certainly if they gave up this desire and habit the men would very soon complain bitterly!

The cheerfulness is the significant thing, speaking of something far deeper than mere restraint over silk stockings or new summer linens; it is significant of women's determination to do everything that the Government asks them to do if by that determination they can help to destroy this Nazi poison in Europe.

Women know, most of them, what a German victory would mean for them and their girl-children, and they are ready to do far more than give up spending unnecessary money on clothes if they are asked; all they wish is that the requests be made clearly and quickly and that the compliance with them will be an assured and positive help to the country.

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## SUMMER OFFENSIVE

### SAVINGS CAMPAIGN OPENS

The great Summer Savings Offensive begins to-day and will end on 30th September.

The National Savings Committee in announcing this campaign states that it takes the form of an intensive Savings Group drive in which each group is asked to set itself the task of raising, through war savings, in one, four, eight or twelve weeks enough money to pay for a War Weapon—say a tank, a fighter, a naval launch, a torpedo, a field gun or a parachute.

Women, who form a large portion of the vast army of voluntary workers in the National Savings movement, will play an important part in this great effort.

War Weapons Weeks—now over except for 16 arranged for July—have been an astonishing success. They have enormously strengthened the savings organisation, encouraged a higher rate of saving and stimulated the growth of savings groups, thus preparing the way for this new summer push. The National Savings Committee is convinced that the War Weapons idea still holds such a strong appeal that properly applied it can continue to achieve important results—hence the decision to ask each savings group to fix an objective for a particular war weapon.

"The objective set by each group should be high enough to call for such an effort as will raise both membership and the amount of weekly savings to the highest possible level," says Lord Kindersley in a message to honorary secretaries.

It is pointed out that the additional £6,000,000 per week which the Chancellor of the Exchequer requires from private savings can only be obtained if the Savings Groups are further strengthened and expanded and subscriptions increased. The summer campaign will therefore be directed to increasing the number and membership of Savings Groups of every kind, particularly of street or neighbours' groups and to increasing the rate of savings. Savings groups—the backbone of the movement—already number over 200,000.

### MARGATE OFFICER MISSING

Son of Mr. J. S. Arnold, of the Kent Hotel, Marine-terrace, Margate, Wing-Cmdr. R. G. C. Arnold, R.A.F., is reported missing.

Wing-Cmdr. Arnold was reported missing on 9th June, four days before his 31st birthday.

Joining the R.A.F. as a pilot-officer about ten years ago, Wing-Cmdr. Arnold was attached to the bomber command.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths

### BIRTHS

**Budge.**—23rd June, at Trelayne, Loxwood, Sussex, the wife of Harold J. Budge, R.A.F.V.R., of a son.

### MARRIAGES

**Coombes—Attwell.**—21st June, at St. Peter's Church, Southborough, L/Bdr. William Daniel Coombes, R.A., of Ramsgate, to Dorothy Emily Attwell, formerly of Ramsgate.

**Field—Murphy.**—21st June, at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield, by Canon De Capataine, L/A/C Henry J. Field, of Margate, to Kathleen Murphy, of Sutton Coldfield.

**Jakeman—Hawkins.**—21st June, at St. John's, Margate, Noel Bryer Jakeman to Kathleen Marjorie Hawkins.

**Reeves—Davis.**—21st June, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, by the Rev. J. B. Cowell, Gnr. George Robert Reeves, of Margate, to Norah Kathleen Daisy Davis, of Kensington.

**Relf—Tipple.**—23rd June, at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Ronald Richard Relf to Joan Frances Elizabeth Tipple, both of Margate.

**Whittle—Woods.**—23rd June, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, by the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp, Corpl. Robert Stanley Whittle, R.A.F., of Lackford, Suffolk, to Joyce Phyllis Woods, of Westgate-on-Sea.

### DEATHS

**Cossey.**—27th June, at Heather Bank Nursing Home, Hindhead, Gladys Mabel, youngest daughter of the late Major and Mrs. J. F. Cossey, of Birchington.

**Fuller.**—22nd June, at Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Charles Henry Fuller, formerly of Ramsgate, aged 48 years.

**Harmes.**—12th June, at Conway, N. Wales, Edward R. Harmes, late of Ramsgate, aged 74.—At rest.

**Poole.**—24th June, at Strabane, Abigail Naomi Poole, late of Westbrook-avenue, Margate.

**Winsley.**—23rd June, at 44 St. George's-road, Broadstairs, Henry William Winsley, aged 85 years.

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